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Video rental firm pounces on chance to enter market

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

While one corporate video rental firm checked out of Grayling last week, another company is quickly checking in to take its place.

The Blockbuster store in Grayling, located at 201 Ionia St., was open for regular business Friday, then was suddenly closed a few hours later.

In the next couple of weeks, Family Video, a Glenview, Ill.-based firm, will start renting videos and games in the same location.

The doors at nearly a dozen Blockbuster stores in Northern Michigan were closed last week, including stores in Grayling, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Gaylord, Kalkaska, Sault Ste. Marie, Traverse City, Whitehall, West Branch and two stores in Petoskey.

The decision to close the stores was prompted by the pending retirement of David Scheppe, a Blockbuster franchise holder from Elk Rapids, who had been in the video rental business for 23 years, said Randy Hargrove, spokesperson for the Dallas-based Blockbuster, Inc.

Blockbuster company officials were aware that Scheppe would be closing the stores, but were not privy to his plans for Continued on Page 3A

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Woman with medical issues leads police on chase

Charges will not be forthcoming for a 36-year-old Mio woman who ran her car into a garage, a tree and nearly struck several vehicles while experiencing a coma due to low blood sugar.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said authorities started receiving several calls of a reckless driver traveling in a blue Buick at 7:38 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 4. Witnesses said the driver ran a red light in Grayling without any attempt to stop.

Deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and officers from the Grayling Police Department were dispatched to attempt to locate the vehicle. A cellular phone caller was able to assist deputies and officers in pinpointing the location of the vehicle. Police observed the vehicle going all over the road, swerving across traffic lanes. A deputy attempted to pull over the vehicle, but the driver refused to stop. During the pursuit of the vehicle, the driver struck several construction barrels and lost control, running off Continued on Page 2A

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County supports plans for Old 27 Heritage Route

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

If Lansing classic car aficionado Craig Parrish's multi-state initiative is successful, the motto for the route leading from Michigan to Florida may be known as "Heading to Heaven on Old 27."

Parrish, who organizes and plans car shows, is seeking to have Old 27 in Crawford County established as part of a state Heritage Route.

Established by state lawmakers in 1993, the Heritage Route program celebrates historic, scenic and recreational routes in the state.

Parrish is seeking to have Old 27, which ends at the State Ferry Docks in Cheboygan County, established as part of a statewide Heritage Route that people traveled down to Florida before the federal interstate system was developed. Eventually, Parrish believes the stretch could rival the celebrated "Route 66," which extends through eight states and was made popular by Chuck Berry's song "Get Your Kicks on Route 66."

"It's a beautiful drive, all the way to Miami," Parrish said.

Parrish has collected 60 resolutions of support for this initiative, which he has been working on for two years, from communities in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. He will seek support from officials in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida

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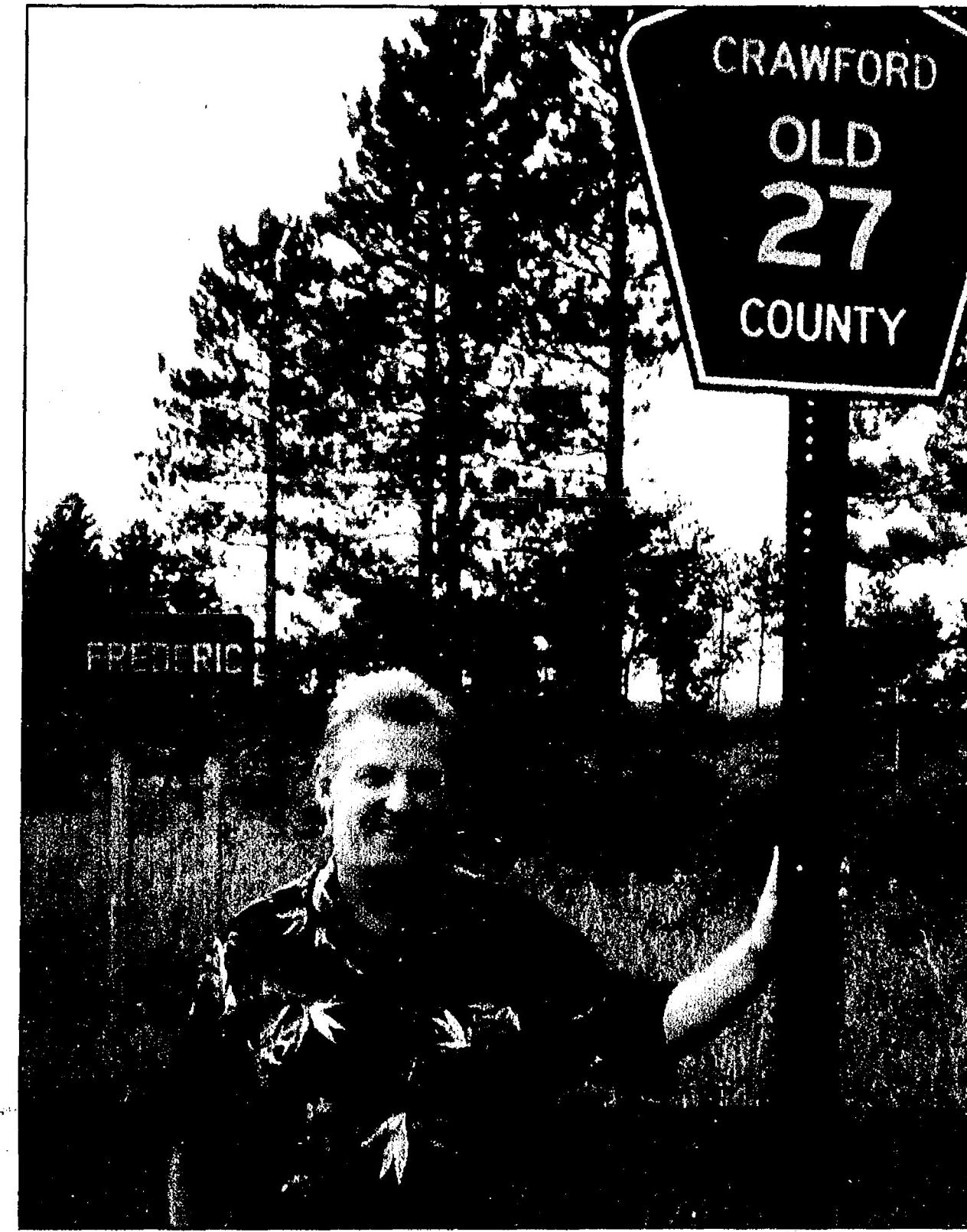


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Craig Parrish, who organizes and plans car shows, is seeking to have Old 27, which goes through Crawford County, established as a state Heritage Route.

Seventeen apply for city manager's position

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Consultants assisting the Grayling City Council with the search for a new city manager began whittling down the list of candidates vying for the position on Friday.

Michigan Municipal League (MML) consultants, who are helping the city recruit a new city manager, began reviewing resumes that have been submitted for the position last week. A total of 17 people have applied for the job, said Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier, who is serving as the interim city manager.

Moshier has received resumes at city hall and forwarded them to MML consultants Frank Gerstenecker and Paul Preston, for their review. Preston recently retired from the city manager's post for Mt. Pleasant. Gerstenecker was the city manager for Troy for 25 years and is the former president of the Michigan City Management Association.

Resumes will continue to be accepted until the city manager's job is filled, Moshier said. The pool of applicants was in the range anticipated by city officials and consultants.

"People are hanging on to their jobs when they have jobs with benefits," Moshier said of Continued on Page 3A

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Tickets for Grayling train color tour available

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Big Bertha will be rolling into Grayling next month, offering a chance for a glimpse of the fall colors from a historic train car.

The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, in conjunction with the Crawford County Historical Society, will hold their Grayling Train Excursion weekend on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 and 8.

The weekend will include a Grayling Color Tour Excursion, which will depart from the Crawford County Historical Museum at 1 p.m. on Saturday for a two-hour trip through the fall colors.

The passenger cars will be pulled by a historic Alco diesel locomotive owned by Lake State Railway Company called Big Bertha.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children ages 6 though 15 and children under 5-years-old not occupying a seat ride free if they are accompanied by an adult.

Half of the 500 tickets for the color tour have been sold, and people in the Grayling area are Continued on Page 3A

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Negotiations for proposed teachers contract slated

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School District officials hoped to settle a pact with school teachers who started the school year after giving a proposed contract a thumbs down.

School district officials and negotiators for the Crawford AuSable Federation of Teachers were scheduled to meet on Wednesday, Sept. 13 in hopes of finalizing a one year-employment contract with the teachers union.

The Crawford AuSable School District Board had planned on ratifying the contract with the teachers union at its last meeting held on Aug. 21.

The members of the union, which includes 124-teachers, however, did not approve the one-year contract.

Both Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers and Karen Leslie, president of the teacher's union and a special education teacher at Grayling Middle School, declined to disclose terms of the contract and why the teachers Continued on Page 2A

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The Crawford County Commission on Aging held a hog roast at Wellington Farm, USA on Friday. About 150 seniors made reservations for the event. Corn on the cob, grown at the farm park, and the pork was provided by Wellington Farm, USA, and the Grayling Senior Center provided the rest of the dishes for the meal. Above left, Jack Clark, a Wellington Farm, USA volunteer, carves up pork tenderloins for the meal. Above right, Jerry DeSantis, who has a cabin on Higgins Lake, and friend Linda Knuebel from Chicago, stopped by the farm park to buy some produce and took advantage of the meal, which was held to raise funds for senior center programs. Below right, Dick Duprey, Debbie Mann and Pam Duprey, a commission on aging homemaker, performed for the seniors after they enjoyed their meal.

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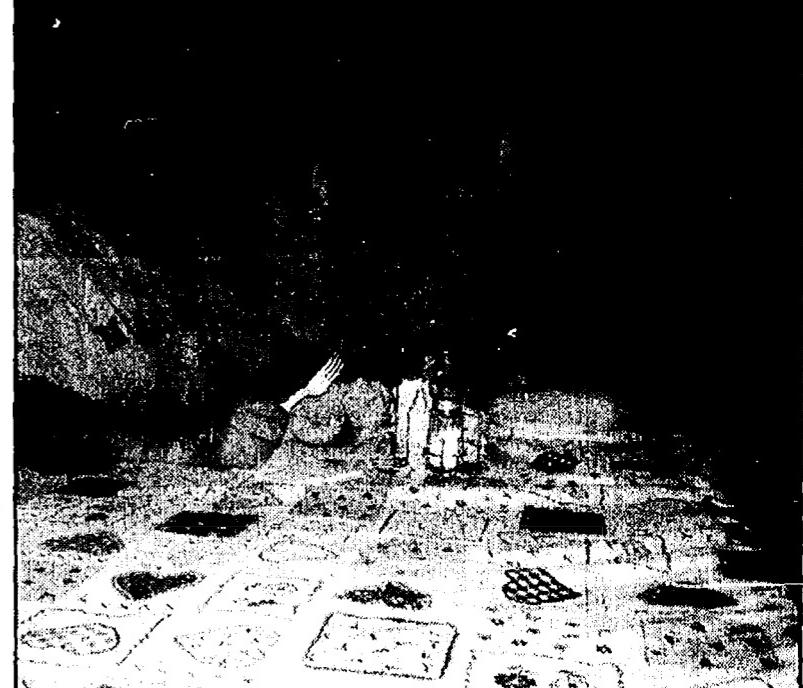
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A hog wild good time



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in the coming months.

"It can create jobs, it can create

economic opportunities and it can bring dollars back into these towns and that's what this is all about," he said.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners pledged to pass a resolution of support for the Heritage Route plans at its next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 20.

"We certainly support the idea and concept," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Parrish is planning an Old 27 classic car tour, which will travel through the state Aug. 21-26, 2007. He is planning to hold 14 car shows over the four days in communities along the route.

"It's a situation where I'll get

them to your front door and you throw the party," Parrish said.

"They will get to experience getting out on Old 27 rather than traveling on the interstate."

Parrish faces another hurdle with local and state officials since he is seeking to have stretches of Old 27 north of Higgins Lake and in the Frederic area repaired prior to the car tour.

He said car owners, who travel in the classic hot rods valued between \$40,000 and \$80,000, would not take part in the tour in the future if the road is in poor shape.

"It's imperative that the road gets fixed," Parrish said. "The more resolutions of support we can get, we can get the talk started in Lansing to get the road

repaired."

County commissioners last week said that any chances to repair Old 27 would hinge on state and federal funding.

"I know in Crawford County, it's getting in rough shape, but so are a lot of our other roads," Stephenson said.

Parrish, whose father, Don Parrish, was a founding member of the Capital City Old Car Club, grew up with his family's involvement in the automotive dealership business.

Parrish, whose license plate reads, "RODSRUS", organizes an annual car show in Litchfield, Ill., which is located on Route 66.

"My first love is classic cars, hot rods and nostalgia," Parrish said.

Woman with medical issues leads police on chase

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the road several times. The driver nearly collided with several cars, including police attempting to stop her.

Deputies successfully stopped the vehicle in the ditch on south bound I-75 at the 248 mile marker. The driver was removed from the vehicle and transported to the Crawford County Jail. Upon further investigation, it was learned the female was suffering from hypoglycemia - low blood sugar - and was transported to Mercy

Hospital Grayling, where she received medical treatment. The woman was released.

Deputies later learned of an accident where a vehicle had struck a tree and garage at a residence by Lake Margrethe and had left the scene. It was determined from evidence at the scene that it was the same vehicle driven by the woman.

Deputies forwarded police reports to Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss, seeking charges for leaving the scene of

an accident, reckless driving and fleeing and eluding police. Huss, however, opted not to proceed with charges due to her medical condition.

Sheriff Wakefield recommends that persons with medical conditions, which can affect their driving ability, to be very cautious before getting behind the wheel for their safety and the safety of others. Persons with specific medical conditions often operate a vehicle in a similar manner as a highly intoxicated driver.

Negotiations for proposed teachers contract slated

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voted against the tentative agreement.

Leslie said union members hoped to have the contract resolved soon.

"The school calendar, money and insurance are all issues that are open for discussion at the negotiating table," Leslie said.

The school district's enrollment, which was at 1,979 students in the fall of 2005 was at 1,942 students before school ended in June. Enrollment is expected to go as low as 1,919 students for the current school year. The drop means the district will not receive \$500,000 from the state. The district has not

received \$3.3 million from the state over the last four years due to the drop in student numbers.

Powers was also hopeful that the contract talks with the teachers would be finalized this week.

"We think we have offered a very equitable agreement in these very difficult financial times," Powers said.

Overdose victim to face felony charges for pot plants

Charges are expected to be filed against a Lovells woman for growing marijuana after Crawford County Deputies were dispatched to her home for a possible overdose.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said deputies were dispatched to a residence in Lovells on Thursday, Sept. 7 to assist with a possible overdose

victim.

Upon arrival, emergency personnel awakened the female occupant of the residence, who was transported to Mercy Hospital Grayling for treatment.

While at the home, deputies discovered two containers on a deck containing marijuana plants.

The plants were seized and

felony charges will be sought against the female homeowner for manufacturing a controlled substance.

The name of the woman is being withheld pending the issuance of warrants. The Lovells Township Fire Department and EMTs from Mobile Medical Response assisted deputies at the scene.

Yankee Doodle Sweethearts



Photo by Dan Sanderson
Rebecca Brown, known as **Beatrice B. Book** at the **Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library**, sings with **Dorothy Bassett** and **Arlene Halstead** at the **Crawford County Senior Center** last Thursday. The library system is holding an outreach program called **Sonnets and Songs**, where Brown will take participants on a trip down memory lane with sing-a-longs and poetry readings. Brown based her readings and musical selections on patriotism, last Thursday, in remembrance of the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The program will be held on Thursday during the lunch program at the senior center through September.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson
Movers removed the shelving and fixtures from the Blockbuster store located at 201 Ionia Street in Grayling on Monday. The store stopped renting video and games on Friday.

Video rental firm pounces on chance to enter market

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 informing customers and employees of his decision.

"We knew the franchisee was closing, but the closing and the timing of the closings and the details around them were solely up to the franchisee," Hargrove said. "It was not in any way connected to Blockbuster, Inc."

Blockbuster stores in Boyne City, Cadillac, and three additional stores in Traverse City are also expected to cease operations, Hargrove said.

Family Video moved quickly

to take over video rental locations in Grayling, Boyne City and Whitehall and is seeking to hire managers and employees. Taking over the locations is part of an expansion plan to open 60 stores this year, said Bob Kording, executive vice president for Family Video.

"We always wanted to be in those markets, but we could never find a suitable place," Kording said. "When Blockbuster pulled out, we thought that must be a suitable place."

Hargrove said that selling or transferring the franchise locations was not an option considered by Scheppe. Blockbuster does not have plans to have a presence in northern Michigan anytime soon, he said.

Instead, customers that still want to do business with the video and game rental firm are encouraged to utilize Blockbuster Online, and have videos and games sent to their homes.

There are over \$1.4 million subscribers to Blockbuster

Online, which was launched in August, 2004. The company is trying to push the online service to bolster its business.

"It's a surprise in the waiting every time something comes in the mail and there are a number of plans available," Hargrove said of the popularity of the online service with families and children.

Tickets for Grayling train color tour available

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 encouraged to purchase tickets while they are still available.

"This is our major fund-raiser for the year for the museum, and the more tickets we sell, the more money we're going to raise," said Kay Cosgray, chairman of the Crawford County Historical Society.

A 1930s passenger car, which has been refurbished by Lake State Railway Company, will be parked next to the museum for tours.

"It's a unique car and it will be showcased that weekend," Cosgray said.

While on the train, beverages, snacks and souvenir merchandise will be available for purchase.

The Crawford County Historical museum will also be selling souvenir shirts and sweatshirts.

Seventeen apply for city manager's position

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 the reason that more applicants were not expected.

The consultants are expected to recommend five finalists for the city manager's job. The city council will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21 to review the resumes for candidates that will be recommended to be interviewed.

shirts and a telegrapher will be on hand to send out messages for a donation.

In addition to the color tour, the train will be carrying passengers boarding in Kawkawlin and Standish to Grayling on Saturday and Sunday.

A car show and farmers market will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. A food court will be held downtown and shuttle busses will also be available to take train passengers to local restaurants and attractions in the community.

"We want to create a festive atmosphere and to showcase Grayling," Cosgray said.

The Crawford County Historical Society is raising funds for renovations of the county museum. The building needs a new roof, which carries a

price tag of \$10,000, as well as other needed repairs.

"The building was built in the 1800s and there have been no major renovations done to it," Cosgray said. "It's old, it needs to be repaired so we can protect the records and artifacts we have housed in there."

Last year, the first train excursion weekend featured the Pere Marquette #1225, which is owned by the Steam Railroading Institute in Owosso and was the inspiration for the holiday movie, "Polar Express."

The Pere Marquette #1225 was not available this year for the train excursion because the steam engine is being repaired.

"Hopefully, if we have a good enough showing, we can get the #1225 steam engine back next year," Cosgray said.

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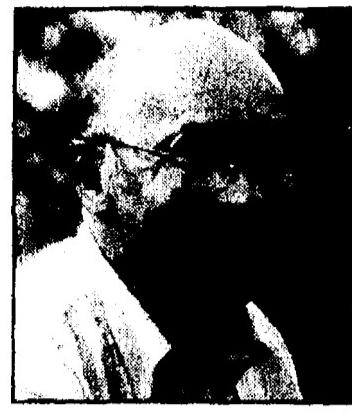
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OPINIONS

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ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

There ought to be a law ... and there is

AS THE STRIKE in Detroit schools entered its second week, classrooms still were empty.

No worry. When things finally are settled, days are just added at the end of the year, stretching out the school year for Detroit students, but at the other end next summer.

The Detroit school board has been troubled for a long time, mainly by money and management issues. It got so bad at one point that then-Gov. John Engler took over the schools for the state, and appointed his own school board and superintendent to get things straightened out.

Things apparently improved a bit, and local folks a few years ago took back operation with new locally determined school board members and administrators.

This latest union-management crisis is about money, as are most strike situations.

The school board asked teachers to absorb an \$88 million cut in pay and

benefits, among other things, or catastrophe would sink the schools. The school union, among other things, asked for pay increases of about 5 percent each year in a new three year contract. Better management of the schools, the union claimed, would provide the money and avoid the need for any teacher concessions.

Futile negotiations brought threats, name calling, legal action, court orders to continue bargaining, more threats, withheld labor, idle classrooms, students transferring to other districts, a court order for the union to return to work, continued teacher defiance, and more empty classrooms.

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ALTOGETHER THIS has been an unpleasant situation for all involved, especially for the more than 100,000 students in the Detroit school system, and their families.

The biggest problem in any public employee strike is that the victims, those who are most damaged by the strike,

never are the direct combatants. The victims are the public, the consumers of the public services being disrupted.

In the private business world, when union and management fail to agree and a work stoppage results, both the workers and the bosses suffer some loss, either temporary or permanent.

The customers may be inconvenienced, but usually they have alternatives. If the strike is at Ford, they can buy a Chevrolet or a Plymouth. If the strike is at Kroger, they can shop at Meijers or another local grocery store.

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WITHHOLDING LABOR by strike is the ultimate weapon a union can bring to bear in its relationship with management. In the extreme, closing the business is the ultimate weapon the private employer can use.

It's not that way in a public employee strike.

In a school strike, students and their parents are captives. In some cases, parents can transfer their kids to a different

public or private school, which can be more expensive and less convenient than a nearby public school.

If public utility workers go on strike, the public consumers have no way to turn to replace water or electricity. And if members of a police or fire force — or worse yet, guards at a state prison — should ever withhold their services, the public would suffer incalculable damages.

Public and private enterprises simply are not the same thing. Public business cannot close, and public employees should not strike. There ought to be laws to that effect.

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MICHIGAN ALREADY has a no-strike law, but enforcement can be traumatic. Most judges are reluctant to use their power to insert the court into union-management strife. They should not be, because like all public officials, their first obligation is to the public, and not to either union or management.

Courts now have the power to order

public workers to return to the job. If they don't, the law calls for fines against the unions involved.

In my view, public employee strikes should continue to be forbidden, but legal remedies may need adjustment.

Courts should have the power to order continuous negotiation long before a natural deadline, such as the opening of school, to decide when and if a deadlock exists, and to establish compulsory arbitration requiring both sides to accept the arbitrators' decisions.

Both sides either should agree upon an acceptable arbiter or board of arbitration, or failing that, the court should choose an arbiter or board either from another court, or from among private arbitrators nominated by both sides.

Just don't forget the public in this whole process.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

We have too many out of town owners who don't care

To the editor:

Everyone agrees that they would like to see the town of Grayling prosper and grow. This is made so much more difficult by the price of gas that the local stations charge. I use the term local only due to their locations. To the best of my knowledge the only locally owned gas stations we have is Charlie's Country Corner.

That gas is at \$2.42 a gallon as of this date, 20 miles south of us does not concern them. They say it is the cost of transportation. A 10,000 gallon load of fuel at 20 cents a gallon difference does not cost \$2,000 to drive here from Houghton Lake.

The local station owners are from Gaylord, Traverse City, Petoskey and other locations and do not care about our town. Maybe our local business owners that are hurting need to find a way to pressure them into competing

area wide, instead of raping the locals. I will never begrudge a businessman a profit. That is why you are in business. But the out of town owners do not care what they are doing to us.

I shop out of town about half of the time and that includes filling up on my gas when I do. At 20 cents a gallon difference I can break even and then save on my groceries.

I understand the round robin effect of buying here may lower the prices. But incentives are not there. We have too many out of town business owners who get their profit somewhere and the tax write off for their Grayling businesses for the losses.

If there is another local gas station owner I would like to know it so I could help them and not ship my money out of town.

James Hatley
Grayling

Should residents boycott our gas stations?

To the editor:

We went to Grand Rapids on Aug. 21 the Shell Station and Admiral price of gas was \$2.79 a gallon. On Aug. 24, we went to the Traverse City Shell Station, Rich Station and Marathon \$2.88. On Aug. 25, I went to Gaylord Rich Station, BP Shop, Marathon and Mobil all selling gas for \$2.79 a gallon. On Sept. 4, Houghton Lake was at \$2.42.

We also talked to a lot of tourists who said that gas prices are higher here than by their homes. Soon most of the tourists won't be here to support the gas stations.

Should residents boycott our gas stations? Maybe these gas stations need to think about the residents of Grayling.

Tim and Cindy Pease
Grayling

COOR to hold Meet the Candidates Night

To the editor:

The COOR Intermediate School District and Kirtland Community College are hosting a Meet the Candidates Night on Sept. 25, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. in the Kirtland Community College auditorium.

The following candidates will be in attendance: Incumbent Joel Sheltrown (D) and Raymond Moore (R)- House District 103; incumbent Matthew Gillard (D) and Howard Viegelnahn (R)- House District 106; incumbent Michelle McManus (R) and Antoinette Schippers (D) for Senate District 35; and incumbent Tony Stamas (R), Tom Dauer (I) and Paul Reid (D) for Senate District 36. They are running for the state legislature and hope to represent our community when elected.

As trustees on the COOR Board of Education, we invite each and every community member to attend this event and ask questions that are of concern to us and our community.

Funding for K-12 schools and ISD's is a growing concern.

Many northern Michigan districts have made cuts to programs and student services and have laid off staff. It is likely there will be more cuts to our school districts for the unforeseen future that can only result in hurting all our students and northern Michigan communities.

All segments of our community need to attend and let the candidates know that our community and students are important and that current education funding issues must be addressed now. We strongly urge all community members to attend and hear where the candidates stand and what their priorities are on these and other community issues.

Join us and these candidates for

state office on Sept. 25 in the Kirtland Community College auditorium.

Bernadine Dosch
Nancy Persing

COOR I.S.D. Board Trustees

I do forgive you

To the editor:

On July 2, 2006 a very kind and precious man who worked hard all his life, and he had Alzheimer's, passed away. He is my husband.

Our family was robbed of his personal possessions after his death. You know who you are and you came into my home during a painful loss and stole what I had left of him to cherish.

You must not have ever lost someone you have loved. I had been with my husband 44 years and the deep grief and emptiness of such a loss is overwhelming. On top of losing my husband you came into my home during this time and stole what we had left to

cherish.

If you would have asked for anything we would have given it to you. Not long before he passed away we saw a homeless man with no shoes. My husband took off his shoes and gave them to the man, that's just how he was. I want back the memory box I kept of things he did with his Alzheimer's disease that could only mean anything to me.

I know my husband and if he was here, he would forgive you. I will be honest, it was hard for me, but I do forgive you. I pray for you daily. I only hope you can forgive yourself.

Linda Gail Henderson
Grayling

Editor's note:

An article that ran a few weeks ago in the Avalanche stated that the Michigan Department of Agriculture has a record number of gas inspectors on the street and have stepped up undercover inspections for seven-days-a-week surveillance.

Citizens are encouraged to take a photo of the roadside sign or gas pump if they believe gouging is occurring. Photographs, or the receipt from the purchase, can significantly aid investigators if prices or pump settings have changed prior to their arrival.

If you suspect that you are being taken advantage of at the gas pump you may file a complaint by calling the Michigan Department of Agriculture's 24-hour hotline, 1-800-MDA-FUEL (1-800-632-3835). For gas tips, visit MDA's Web site at www.michigan.gov/gasolinecorner.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

September 11 – Five Years Later

On September 11, 2001, our nation was viciously attacked by terrorists with no regard for human life. We lost 3,000 of our fellow Americans in terrible tragedies in New York City, Washington DC, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The horror and sadness of that day were seared into our minds forever, along with the memories of our fallen countrymen and women.

Immediately following the attacks, America came together as one nation with one purpose – protecting our country from those who would do us harm. Political party affiliation, geography, ideology, and other sources of division no longer seemed so important. Instead, we were united by what we have in common as Americans.

Michigan responded with generosity and resolve. Volunteers from all across our state headed east to help in the recovery.

Countless Michiganians gave generously through their churches and schools, while charities organized through the Internet, and firefighters passed the boot at red lights in solidarity with their fallen colleagues. Our Arab-American community offered critical language skills to the FBI and other assistance.

Every year, 11 million shipping containers enter our ports, yet five years after 9/11 just 5.4 percent of those containers are inspected physically or with an x-ray.

Even though the screening technology is readily available, only 60 percent of cargo is screened for radiation, which still leaves more than four million containers per year that could contain the materials for making a radioactive "dirty" bomb.

Our northern border with Canada is 4,000 miles long and has many vulnerable points at which a terrorist could enter the United States. Yet, today it is guarded by one-tenth as many agents as patrol the southern border, which is only half as long.

The disastrous federal response to Hurricane Katrina tragically revealed that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are not prepared to respond adequately to a national disaster.

These known weaknesses pose an unnecessary danger to the American people. We may not be able to know what is happening in every cave in every country around the world, but we should know what is in every cargo shipment entering our ports. We have the technology, the resources, and the know-how to solve all of these problems, if we can also summon the national will.

The terrorists tried to break our American spirit on September 11, 2001, and they failed miserably. As we remember and honor those we lost that day, we should also recapture the sense of shared purpose of that time and redouble our resolve and our efforts to close these gaping holes in our security. Let us finish together now the work that we set out to do then to be as safe and secure as we should be.

One of the biggest problems in the rescue and recovery effort at Ground Zero in New York City – as emphasized by the 9/11 Commission's report – was that first responders could not communicate with each other. Five years later, however, they still cannot. This issue is particularly important in border states such as Michigan, in which local, state

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BRIEFS

GHS girls basketball to hold dinner

The GHS Girls Basketball teams will be holding a Wing Ding Dinner on Monday, Sept. 18, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., at the Gray Rock Cafe. Tickets are \$6 per person and can be purchased from team members or at the door. All proceeds go to GHS girls basketball. Take-out is available.

Church to host concert

Living Truth 2, a husband and wife ministry team composed of Elroy and Tammie Kosters from Caro, will be performing at the Grayling Free Methodist Church, Sunday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. They travel throughout Michigan and play many antique and contemporary instruments presenting their ministry of music. For information call the church at 348-9093.

Men's pool league to hold meeting

The men's pool league meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m., at the American Legion.

Train excursion tickets on sale

The Crawford County Historical Museum will continue to be open through Oct. 8, Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are now on sale for the train excursion on Oct. 7. They can be obtained from the museum, the Chamber, Riverland or AuSable Gifts. Space is available for civic groups to participate during the excursion. Contact Priscilla at the museum.

COA to host speaker from Chamber

The Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, will hold a presentation by Tim Zigila from the Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday, Sept. 21, 5 p.m. Included in the presentation will be information on what interesting things Grayling has to offer. For more information or transportation call Elouise Mize at 348-7123.

COA senior trip to Traverse City

On Wednesday, Sept. 20, the Traverse City Senior Center will be hosting the Grayling Senior Center for lunch. After lunch, a tour of the Grand Traverse Heritage Center is planned where the exhibition, Summer Stock Theater and the Cherry County Playhouse will be on display. The bus will be leaving the center at 10 a.m. The cost is \$13. For more information or reservations call Elouise Mize at 348-7123.

COA to hold care giver class

The Commission on Aging in conjunction with Liz Oleskie, volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association, will be hosting a caregiver class at the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale. This class provides support and education to persons who are the primary caregivers giving care to loved ones in their home. The class meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., next class Sept. 20. For questions or to arrange transportation, call Elouise Mize at 348-7123.

Straits Area Ostomy Assoc. to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m., at Central Methodist Church, Sault Ste. Marie. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call 989-821-5721 for information.

GPA kicks off entertainment series

The Jeff Haas Quintet, with guest saxman George Benson, will perform as part of the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series on Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Grayling High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$12 adults and \$10 senior/students at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce or at the GHS Auditorium door. For more information call the Grayling Chamber at 989-348-2921.

Grayling Rotary to host Texas Hold'em II

The Grayling Rotary Club will be hosting a Texas Hold'em tournament, Sept. 16, at the historic Camp Grayling Officer's Club. \$50 buy in, cash prizes, food and fun. First round of Texas Hold'em at 1 p.m., 2nd round at 5 p.m. A \$2 cash table also available. Call 348-8232 to pre-register, seating is limited.

Formal gown fund raiser to be held

Project Graduation will be holding a formal gown fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., at the GHS Auditorium. Gently used dresses will be sold from \$10 to \$30. Formal dresses may be dropped off at the home of Bonnie Lange (behind Heads Up North) on Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. For questions call Julie Calkins at 348-5737.

Republican's reschedule meeting

The Crawford County Republican Committee will not hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 18. The next regular monthly meeting will be Oct. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling.

Church to series of meetings

The Grayling Seventh Day Adventist church is hosting a series of meetings titled "The Most Amazing Prophecies" from Amazing Facts featuring Doug Batchelor live via satellite. The meetings will run from Sept. 15 - 23, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more information contact Pastor David Jorgenson at 989-348-1909 or go to www.amazingfacts.org.

Church to host teen challenge

The Grayling Assembly of God, 701 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, will present Western Michigan Teen Challenge on Sept. 17, at 10:30 a.m. Teen Challenge is a Christian growth and development program that works primarily with drug abusers, alcoholics and others with life controlling problems.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Sept. 10, of \$25 each: Pat Bernardo, Sharon Johnson, Cheri Blaine, JW Welch, and Irv McIsaac.

Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" Raffle winner of \$100 for Sept. 1 is Jay

Hawkins, winner for Sept. 8 is

Jack Kolka. Winners of \$200 for Sept. 8 is Scott Feldhauser and Vince Schultz.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle on Sept. 8 for \$100 is: Cory Dean, of Grayling.

International Day of Peace to be celebrated in Grayling

Sept. 21 is dedicated throughout the world as the International Day of Peace. St. Mary's Catholic Church will participate with this day by hosting a variety of inter-faith events throughout the day for all persons in the area.

Events include: 8:30 a.m. Catholic Eucharist Celebration and dedication of a Peace Pole on the property of St. Mary's Church; Inter-Faith gathering for peace and justice in our world with Dr. Bill Cargo from Michelson, Jim Slater, Chaplain at Mercy Hospital, and Stephanie Riemer-Matusek, music 12 p.m. -

12:30 p.m.; children's gathering for peace and justice at 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., in the Family Center of St. Mary's, facilitated by Bernie Dosch. Registration is required. Call 348-7657; and a 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., evening gathering for peace and justice with pastors of local area churches, music by the St. Mary's Choir and the Michelson Singers.

The public is invited to all of these services as they gather to pray and will be open to the public throughout the day for individual and group prayer for peace.

Big Brothers Big Sisters to host Family Bike Run

Big Brothers Big Sisters will hold its first annual Family Bike Run on Sunday, Oct. 1, 3 p.m., with registration and bike safety check at 2 p.m. at the Grayling High School parking lot.

The ride will travel on the Wayne Koppa Bike Trail from Grayling High School to Bright and Glory Lakes, approximately seven miles round trip. Upon return to the high school there will be food, free back packs from Kirtland Community College, along with gifts and raf-

fle prizes from local businesses. All proceeds to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Central Michigan.

Cost for a family is \$25; adults, \$10; and children a \$5 minimum donation. Pre-registration and/or donations may be sent to: BBBS of North Central Michigan, 230 Huron St., Grayling, MI 49738. Checks may be made out to BBBS of NorthCentral Michigan. For pre-registration or more information call 344-5112.

AREA EVENTS

Gaylord - A Fall Workshop featuring Janet Macunovich, author and educator, sponsored by Otsego County MSU Extension and the Alpine Master Gardeners will be held in Gaylord on Saturday, Sept. 23, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Otsego Club and Resort Convention Center (about a mile east of Gaylord on M-32), registration begins at 8 a.m. Topics that will be discussed include Choosing and Planting Hardy Bulbs and Fall Clean-up for the Northern Garden Enthusiast. The cost for this workshop is \$15. Registration deadline is Sept. 15, contact Dee at 989-732-2527 or Jeanne at 989-732-5348.

Boyne Falls - The Boyne Mountain Bluegrass Festival will be held at Boyne Mountain on Saturday, Sept. 16, beginning at 1 p.m., rain or shine, and features bluegrass musicians at Boyne Mountain. Performances are at: 1 p.m. Greensky Bluegrass, at 2:30 p.m. Nobody's Darlin', at 4 p.m. Steppin' In It, at 5:30 p.m. Dixie Bee-Liners, and at 7 p.m. Lare Williams and New Direction.

Tickets are \$18.50, children 10 and under are free, and can be purchased through Ticketmaster or www.ticketmaster.com

Roscommon - Kirtland Community College Men's Basketball is holding a golf scramble at Burning Oak Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 16. The funds generated will help the basketball program. For information contact Donahue at 989-275-5000 ext. 325 or email donahueg@kirtland.edu. Foursomes will enter as a team and singles will be paired up with others.

Alcona County - Sprinkler Lake Education Center will be sponsoring its annual Family NatureFest on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include: Lafarge's Little Miners (exploration of rocks and minerals), MUCC raptor shows at 11:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., free children's books, magic shows, lumbering stories, pony rides, nature walks, fossil digs, interactive nature center, music and storytelling, petting zoo, horse drawn wagon rides, spinning wheel demo, dinosaur bounce house, historic cooking, and wood carving with Thunder Bay Woodcarvers. Sprinkler Lake Education Center is located in Alcona County between Glennie and Mikado off of E-30. A hot-dog lunch is included in the admission of only \$2 per person (children under 3 are free). Pre-registration is required by calling (989) 354-3101.

Traverse City - The Dennos Museum Center, 1701 East Front Street at the entrance to the campus of Northwestern Michigan College, will present a series of gallery walks to complement the Blast from the Past: Art of the 1960's exhibition on Thursdays at

12:10 p.m. Sept. 21, Pop Art, and Geometric Expressionism. Oct. 5, Figurative Expressionism, Abstract Expressionism, and Color Field Abstraction. Oct. 19, Concepts and Connections to the Dennos Museum Center collection.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free to members or \$4 for adults, \$2 for children. For more information go to www.dennosmuseum.org or call (231) 995-1055.

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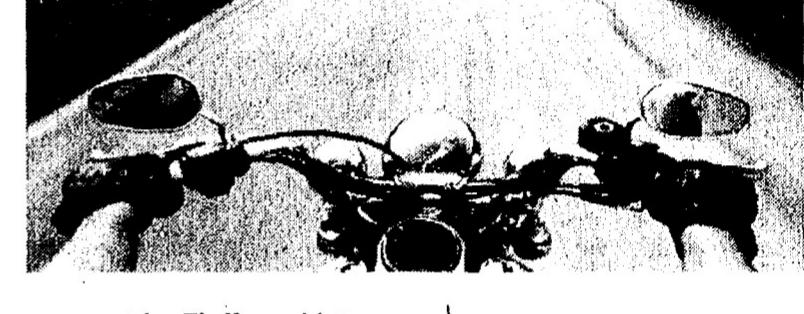
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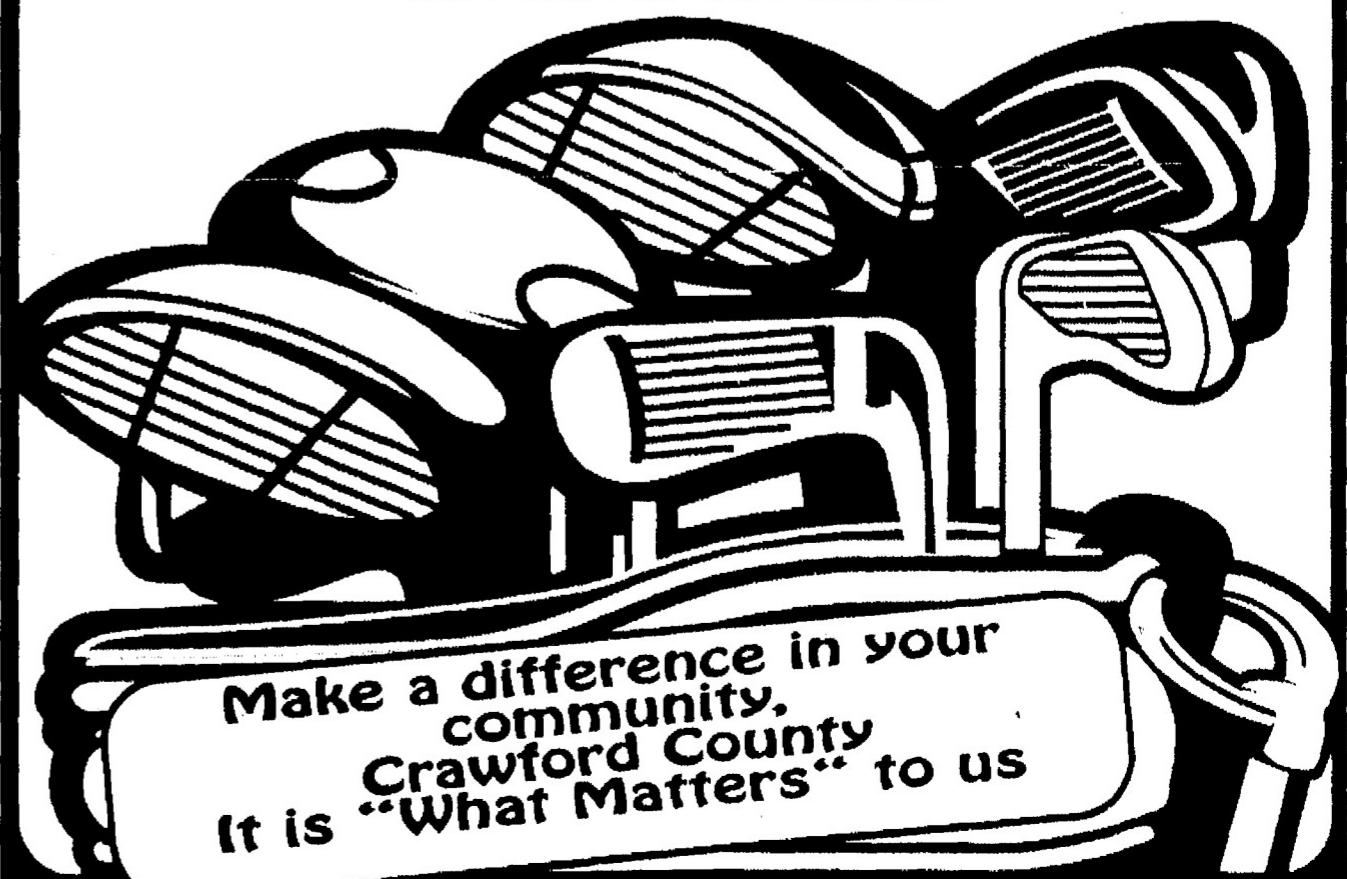
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God's Redeeming Righteousness

We saw the revelation of God's righteousness in Romans 3:21: "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets." We studied God's explanation of His righteousness in Romans 3:22,23: "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Now we examine our redemption by God's righteousness in Romans 3:24: "24Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

First, we look at the supplying or imputation of God's righteousness, "Being justified...." We are told in Romans 5:1 that we are justified by faith: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." We are justified without the deeds of the law, Romans 3:28: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." We are justified by the blood of Jesus Christ, Romans 5:9: "Much more then, being

now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." We are "...justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God," according to 1 Corinthians 6:11. So our justification is all of God and nothing of ourselves. (Romans 8:30).

Second, we look at the surety of God's justification, it is "...freely by his grace...." God's salvation by grace is free because it is a gift of God. (Romans 6:23). It is called a "free gift" in Romans 5:16. It is called "...abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness..." in Romans 5:17. All of this was made available to us by the righteousness of Jesus Christ according to Romans 5:18. We are made righteous not by our obedience, but by His obedience according to Romans 5:19. The surety of God's justification is because it is by God's grace through faith in God's promises according to Romans 4:16: "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all."

Third, we look at God's sacrifice which has redeemed us,

"...through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Christ Jesus is made unto us redemption. (1 Corinthians 1:30). "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." (Ephesians 1:7). The Holy Spirit of promise has sealed our redemption according to Ephesians 1:13. The Holy Spirit indwells our bodies as the earnest or assurance of the redemption of our bodies at the resurrection. (Ephesians 1:14). We can be assured of this because the blood of Jesus Christ has obtained eternal redemption for us according to Hebrews 9:12: "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." (2 Timothy 1:9). Pastor B"

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Band students put the shine on cars



Grayling High School Band students had both ends of town covered washing cars on Saturday for the annual band day car washes held to raise money for band programs. Above, Andy Curriston, a junior band student, prepares to apply a coat of wax to a van at Diane's Car Wash. Diane Tompkins-Burtsch, the owner of Diane's Car Wash, donated profits from five hours of business done on Saturday for the band day fund-raiser. Right, Leo Johnson, a sophomore band student, and Matt Reed, a band program director, scrub down a pick-up truck at the band day car wash held at Glen's Market.

Upper AuSable River Preservation Association partners with Huron Pines to protect the AuSable

In recent years, the Upper Au Sable River Preservation Association has been a key part of the proactive management of coldwater resources and has supported several river restoration projects coordinated through Huron Pines. These include the AuSable River Large Woody Debris stream enhancement, the Grayling Stormwater Project, and the Cedars for the Au Sable project.

The group's dollars have been leveraged with many other contributions and ensured that several key coldwater stream improvement projects have been implemented, according to Huron Pines Executive Director Brad Jensen.

Good stream habitat for coldwater species like brook trout includes cool water temperatures, stable stream flows, a suitable amount of woody material in the stream, and areas with pools, riffles, and a gravel bottom. These are the key requirements for protecting and enhancing the great coldwater fishery found in Northeast Michigan.

Contributing factors to this

great fishery are the sandy soils found in much of the region (which help promote infiltration of water and ensure stable stream flows and cold water), a general lack of development in many of the watersheds (relative to the more urbanized streams in lower Michigan), and the efforts of many conservation partners who work to make sure river improvement projects are conducted each year.

"The dollars from the Upper AuSable River Preservation Association go toward completing important projects on the Au Sable, projects which are often difficult to fund. We simply could not get stream restoration and enhancement projects done without the support of groups like the Preservation Association," added Jensen.

At their August meeting, the association's board once again demonstrated their commitment to river restoration on the Au Sable by making three grant awards:

\$2,000 for the instream improvement effort on the main branch of the Au Sable River

using the Huron Pines Restoration Crew to place large woody debris in the stream channel and thus re-create a more natural stream system

\$3,000 for technical staff to work with landowners on identifying and planning projects to reduce streambank erosion control along the river corridor

\$500 as a general membership contribution to Huron Pines to help the organization in its efforts to develop and implement hands-on conservation projects

"The Upper AuSable River Preservation Association is pleased to be able to contribute to the good work that Huron Pines is doing for our river. Our contribution is made possible by the generous support of our nearly three hundred members. We look forward to assisting Huron Pines with future projects," said Association President Jerry Gossnell.

The continuing partnership between the Upper AuSable River Preservation Association and Huron Pines is a good one, as working together helps to achieve their mutual goal of pro-

tecting and improving the Au Sable River. Huron Pines works to conserve the forests, lakes, and streams of Northeast Michigan. This effort, through an 11 county service area, is accomplished by building partnerships between the public sector, landowners, resource professionals, and groups like the Upper Au Sable River Preservation Association. For more information about conservation projects in Northeast Michigan, visit www.huronpines.org.

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State's efforts continue to rein in parade of trash trucks

by Chris Jackett

Capitol News Service

Like a stampede of elephants, hordes of trucks have been filling Michigan with waste, and the state is hoping to rein in the parade.

Many counties are dealing with large amounts of trash dumped within their borders.

For example, Crawford County's City Environmental Services at Waters collects about 8 million tons each year. Pine Tree Acres at Lenox in Macomb County collects about 75 million tons.

Another 65 million tons are dumped at Carleton Farms Landfill in Wayne County's Sumpter Township, and Woodland Meadows in Wayne County's Van Buren Township sees about 43 million tons a year, according to Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) figures for 2005.

Marquette County has two landfills, the Marquette County Landfill and Presque Isle Power Plant, which take about 1.2 million tons each per year.

While Marquette County and Michigan as a whole are decreasing their own solid waste production, landfills are receiving more imported waste than before.

"You can ask anyone that lives near a landfill and they'll have pretty strong feelings," said Robert McCann, an executive assistant at the DEQ. "We've seen trucks coming down local roads and spill part of their load, and it causes environmental

issues."

"We understand and echo many of their concerns. We want things to operate as smoothly as possible."

Think of 49 million elephants worth of garbage: DEQ calculated that more than 122 million tons, or 18.6 percent of solid waste deposited in Michigan, is from Canada, primarily Ontario.

In the eyes of trash exporters, Michigan is economically attractive, charging 21 cents per ton to dump waste while Pennsylvania charges \$7.25 a ton. Gov. Jennifer Granholm is looking to impose a \$6-per-ton fee to discourage out-of-state waste.

Hugh McDiarmid Jr., communications director of the Michigan Environmental Council, said the higher fee would discourage exporters from sending their garbage to Michigan and put the revenue into local communities.

"Currently, Michigan is at or near bottom of barrel at waste that is recycled."

Although Granholm's proposed "tipping fee" may sound good and profitable, there are legal hurdles ahead.

"She can't (raise fees) without violating the Interstate Commerce Act," said Rick Aho, director of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. "If she puts a fee on imported waste, she'd have to put it on internal wastes as well."

"The U.S. Commerce Act does not allow you to unfairly tax waste that is coming in from out

of state."

Aho said he is concerned about how agreements to end the import of municipal solid waste by 2010 and the U.S. House's approval of a bill that could give states authority to limit foreign wastes could affect his county.

"I think the ability to control waste should go all the way down to the local level because there is a significant liability with solid waste issues. The level of protection involved in solid waste facilities varies," Aho said.

The municipal waste agreement "is only for some municipalities in the Toronto area and doesn't include all wastes."

As for the municipal waste agreement, McDiarmid said. "It's a good start toward getting a handle on Canadian and out-of-state waste. It only deals with residential waste, not commercial and industrial waste, so it only takes care of one-third of the problem."

Among non-Canadian trash exporters, Indiana sends 22.6 million tons over the state line into Michigan each year. Ohio and Illinois were the only other states that take in more than a million cubic yards -- about 10 million tons -- but the 13 states that export to Michigan send a combined 68.2 million tons each year.

"The situation is evolving and I'm very interested to see how it changes," Aho said. "It could be very significant or very insignificant."

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Displaced Homemaker grant funds awarded

A grant aimed at helping mothers and housewives reenter the workforce was recently awarded to a local governmental agency.

The Northeast Michigan Consortium, which includes the Michigan Works! Office in Grayling, was awarded a \$41,122 Displaced Homemaker program grant. The grant was part of \$439,271 in Displaced Homemaker Program funding awarded to 11 Michigan Work! Agencies announced by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth officials.

"These funds are vital to ensuring that Michigan women who return to the workforce after years of working to raise children or care for their families receive the employment and training services they need to

achieve and retain full-time employment," Granholm said.

The federal Displaced Homemaker Program provides vocational counseling and testing, job search skills training, job placement assistance, direct job training and referrals to community resources to eligible participants.

Funding is made available through the Federal Workforce Investment Act, administered in Michigan by the Department of Labor & Economic Growth.

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Hospital welcomes new director of Mission Services

Helping weave Mercy Hospital Grayling's spiritual mission and values into patient care is part of Sister Bonnie Woods' job.

"Sister Bonnie is responsible for promoting the mission and values of Trinity Health throughout Mercy Hospital Grayling, assisting all of us in integrating the mission and values in our decisions and practices, and providing leadership to the spiritual care program," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Sister Bonnie recently joined the hospital as director of Mission Services. She has served as the coordinator for Pastoral Education at Detroit Medical Center for the past six years.



Sister Bonnie also has served as development officer for the Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of Detroit, vice president for Mission and Development at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing, vice president for Mission at the Battle Creek Health System, and the chaplain/ethicist and pastoral chaplain at Mt. Carmel Hospital.

"I love Grayling and the rural setting," she said. "I've had friends that were up here and while I've worked for years in Detroit, it's one of the hospitals we've been connected with."

As a child, Sister Bonnie said her family spent vacations at Lake Leelanau. She appreciates the beauty of northern Michigan. "I am very fond of the area," she said.

Part of her job will be to correlate community benefit activities at the hospital. She also plans to help provide clinical pastoral education in one-to-one ministry for other hospital chaplains.

"The area is well served by Mercy Hospital Grayling, and I'm looking forward to being part of the health care family here," she said.

Proposal would encourage voter registration with hunting, fishing licenses

by John Bronze
Capitol News Service

On your next trip to the sporting goods store, you may be able to pick up your fishing line, ammo and voter registration cards.

Rep. Scott Hummel, R-Dewitt, wants to require retailers that sell hunting, fishing and fur harvester's licenses to display voter registration information for customers.

Under the proposal, a pamphlet would direct hunters, anglers and trappers to Michigan's voter registration application Web site that will allow them to register.

"I was reading a national sportsmen's magazine and I read that Florida had a similar bill so why can't we," said Hummel. "I wanted to give the opportunity for sportsmen to stay politically involved."

"It probably won't pass this session, but it is always good to have on the books for the next."

The total number of licenses sold last year was 4.5 million. The number has steadily declined from a record high of more than 5 in 1998. Hummel

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While Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) food inspectors are on the streets ensuring the safety of grocery and convenience store foods, residents can follow some simple steps to keep food safe at home when the power goes out.

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said he wants to get more people into hunting and fishing, and keep them in those activities by getting them involved in politics.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs representative Jason Dinsmore said the organization supports the bill as a tool to get pro-hunting people to the polls.

The legislation probably is too late to affect voting on Proposal 3, which would reinstate a 99-year total ban on dove hunting if it passes in November.

Julie Baker, the director of the Committee to Protect Doves, said she had not heard of the bill.

"Sportsmen and women have been helpful across the state and we respect their heritage," Baker said. "A poll in the Flint Journal found that hunters support the ban on dove hunting."

Around 1,700 retailers would be affected if the bill becomes law. Retailers that sell hunting and fishing licenses currently are required to provide fishing, hunting and off-road vehicle regulation books.

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Corngrowers' spirits rise with state's biofuel program

by Kevin Lehman
Capitol News Service

With a new \$250,000 biofuel grant program, Michigan's agricultural industry could see additional revenue in its future.

Currently, there are 19 E85 ethanol stations in the state, "according to the Department of Management and Budget. Under the proposed program, there would be 1,000 by 2008.

E85 is a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline.

Spirits throughout the industry are high with Gov. Jennifer Granholm's announcement of the initiative, said Lyn Uphaus, a corn farmer of 500 acres near Manchester. Uphaus is also treasurer of the Great Lakes Ethanol Plant near Blissfield that produces 57 million gallons of ethanol annually.

"This is the most optimistic I've seen corn producers in the state for quite a while," Uphaus said. "Previously, about half of our production left the state, but now we'll need all of that corn to stay in Michigan and make it a more stable market."

This optimism is aided by the

increased production of E85 cars that can run on as much as 85 percent ethanol, he said.

"Auto manufacturers are starting to make a lot more E85 vehicles, but right now the largest use of ethanol is in E10, which can be used in any car and burns cleaner than regular gasoline," Uphaus said.

E10 fuel is a blend of 10 percent ethanol and 90 percent gasoline.

Currently, Chrysler, Ford, and General Motors manufacture 21 models that are E85 compatible. Chrysler plans to add eight more models to its 2007 line.

Don Kehrer, an assistant professor of automotive engineering technology at Macomb Community College, said increased production of E85 cars depends on availability of the fuel.

"In the past, there haven't been enough vehicles that run on biofuel, and now that there are more, it will encourage more fuel production and service stations putting in the pumps they need," Kehrer said. "With higher fuel costs, people have

been pushing renewable energy, but with the gas costs going down, we could see them getting away from this."

Jan Patrick, the program director at the state Energy Office said the increased availability of biofuel pumps throughout the state would encourage carmakers to produce more E85 cars because consumers will be able to buy fuel for them.

The missing piece of building and selling more biofuel cars and the diversification of our energy supply is to get the infrastructure out there so that fleets and consumers that want to use this fuel can find it anywhere," Patrick said.

Michigan has five ethanol plants, with three additional plants in the planning and permitting stages according to the Michigan Ethanol Coalition.

Currently, gas stations selling E85 receive a 50-cent tax break for each gallon of biofuel sold.

Taxes accounted for 23 percent of the total cost of gas in 2004, according to the U.S. Energy Information

Association.

Kehrer said one problem surrounding a shift from gasoline and E10 ethanol is that E85 averages 5 to 10 percent fewer miles per gallon, with prices currently higher than for gasoline.

That could be only a temporary problem if there were more E85 gas stations, he said.

"It takes more ethanol than gasoline to get the same power for a vehicle because the cars are tuned to run on gasoline," he said. "If there are more E85 gas stations, manufacturers can tune cars so they just use E85, the gas mileage for the cars will improve and people will be more willing to purchase them."

Patrick said the loss in miles per gallon may not be significant and that some consumers will be willing to bear the higher costs for improved emissions.

"Even though it is a little more expensive, the fuel burns cleaner, relieves foreign dependency and most people have a sense of pride that there are not making the environment worse off," Patrick said.

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Deputy Jason Alexander of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will conduct a complimentary Hunter's Safety School that will run from Oct. 21 to Oct. 22.

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the school, participants will receive a Michigan Hunter's Safety Certificate.

A lunch break will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21 and Sheriff Kirk Wakefield suggests that all participants bring a bag lunch

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Not enough sleep causes health problems, experts say

by Jacquelyn Halas
Capitol News Service

Weight gain, problems focusing and loss of cognitive skills are potential dangers of not getting enough sleep, northwestern Michigan experts say.

"We definitely promote quality of sleep as a lifestyle choice," Tammy Hickman, a pediatric nurse at Ironmen Health Center in Manistique, says. "We strive to help people find balance in life. A combination of healthy eating, exercise and adequate sleep all go hand-in-hand."

Hickman says if a specific sleep-related problem is raised, the concerned patient is directed to a specialist at a sleep center.

One is the Northern Michigan Hospital Sleep Center in Petoskey.

"Not recharging your batteries causes a loss in cognitive skills," sleep physician Brian Bess says. "If you don't sleep for 24 hours and drive, it's worse than driving drunk."

Bess stresses the amount and quality of sleep, saying that strokes and heart attacks are sometimes caused by unreliable sleep patterns.

Dwayne Griffin, the center's medical director, adds to the list of problems caused by poor sleep

habits.

Falling asleep at work or in school and people over-consuming caffeine and carbohydrates are linked to lack of sleep.

"When you're tired, you consume more carbohydrates because they offer short-term stimulation," Griffin says.

Medical studies show that sleep and appetite are related. Levels of hunger hormone ghrelin are increased when the body is derived of sleep, while leptin, a hormone that suppresses hunger, decreases.

Griffin recommends at least eight hours of sleep for adults and between nine and 11 hours for children. Otherwise, peak performance can't be reached and mood is affected.

"We especially encourage families with young children to establish sleep routines," says Jane Sundmacher of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, which serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Oceango counties.

To achieve an ideal sleep routine, Northern Michigan Hospital Sleep Center's medical director, Dwayne Griffin, recommends:

Maintain a regular sleep schedule, even on weekends.

Relax an hour before bedtime (such as reading or listening to music).

Refrain from vigorous activity or exercise four hours before sleeping.

Avoid caffeine six hours before sleeping.

Don't eat a big meal before bed and make sure there's a cool, dark and quiet sleep environment.

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On Friday night, Sept. 15, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. there will be a reception for the visiting artists with an unique twist; a Jackson Pollack "happening". An event where the artists and patrons will create an edible piece of artwork and then eat it.

Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., the artist will be presenting their artwork for sale

and doing demonstrations of their preferred media. You can see how art is created.

Fourteen local artists will be participating in the show: Lynn Hoen, watercolor and sketches inspired from her residence on KP Lake; Jesse Handrich, Japanese Anime; Mike Emig, computer illustration; Abbey Chase, who has a portrait of Leslie Devereaux at the library will be doing charcoal & pencil work; Margaret Ulman, who graces the Frederic Community Library with her paintings of children will present acrylic paintings; Phran Ludington, ceramics; Renee Wojtan, jewelry; Alfred Matthew, oil & watercolor; Jean Schneider, watercolors; Greg Hardy, photography of still lifes; Jamie Carroll, children's & comic books; and Jeff Bond who has a life sized painting of Chief Shopengon at

Devereaux Memorial Library will be doing oil painting; Steve McShane, metal sculpture/chain-mail; and Manistee AuSable FiberGuild, weaving and spinning.

The library will have a hands-on art program for kids all day Saturday in their conference room. After the children have been inspired by the art they have seen in the show, they can try out different art materials and express themselves. Plus, coloring books featuring famous masterpieces will be available for kids so they can learn more about art.

The Art Show will be inside the library and is open to the public, all ages welcomed. It's free, ample parking is available. Devereaux Memorial Library is located at 201 Plum Street, Grayling, Phone: (989) 348-9214.



Casie Wakeley, a young artist, is shown with buckets of art supplies.

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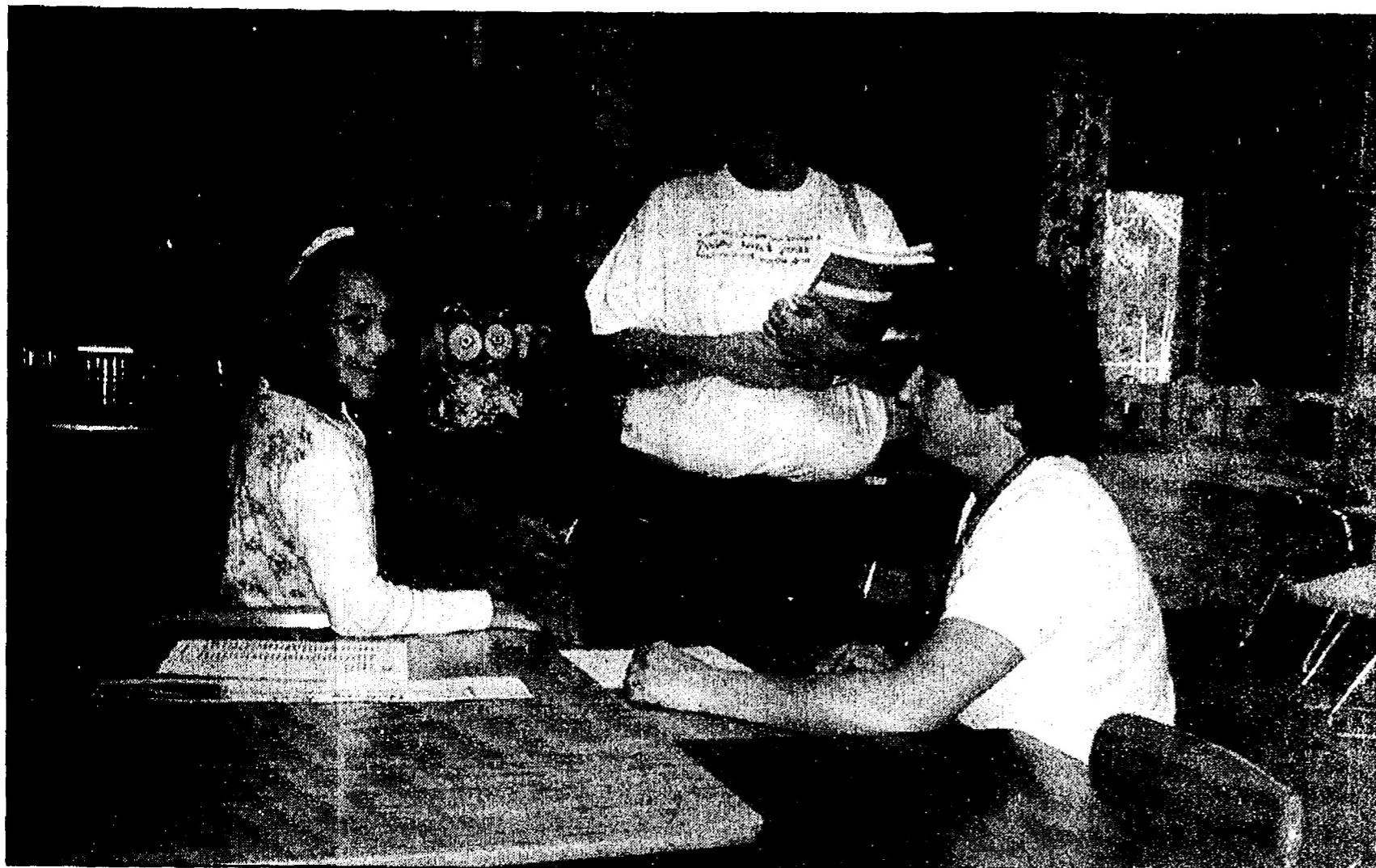
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Grayling Elementary Open House



Teachers and staff at the Grayling Elementary School held an open house last Thursday to mark the start of the new school year. Above, fifth grade teacher Julie Dunckley goes over some math problems with her student, Nakia Alford, as her mother, Cassandra Richardson, and sister Alissa Williams, a third grader at the Grayling Elementary School, look on.

Grayling AuSable Free Clinic receives grant from Blue Cross

Grayling was one of 29 free clinics in 24 Michigan communities that in the last year provided low or no-cost health care to an estimated 72,000 uninsured or underinsured state residents, plus two new clinics, will share in grants totaling \$1 million from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and its HMO subsidiary Blue Care Network.

This is the second straight year the Michigan Blues are awarding grants to support the state's network of free clinics. Twenty-one of the 31 clinics received grants in 2005 as well. Each clinic relies on volunteer support from local medical professionals and others to provide free or low-cost health care to the uninsured.

"Nearly everyone in Michigan knows someone who has lost their health care coverage because of job loss or some other circumstance," said Kevin Seitz, Blue Care Network president and CEO. "Providing help to the uninsured is crucial since they often delay seeing a physician because they can no longer afford it. Many times delays result in complications and more expensive emergency room visits, or even hospital stays. Michigan's free clinics help break that cycle by offering access to early, effective and often less costly treatment that helps hold down the costs of care for everyone."

The Michigan Blues' grants program began in 2005 to help clinics continue operations and purchase everything from medications to office supplies.

The grant enabled the Grayling AuSable Free Clinic to open in 2005. Other clinics receiving grants this year in the surrounding area are: Cadillac, Cadillac Community Health Clinic; Traverse City, Community Health Clinic; Cheboygan, Northern Car Center; and Sault Ste. Marie, Community Health Access Coalition.

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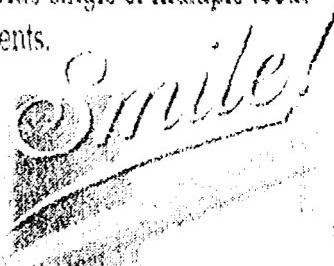
Ashley Collen and Ralph Carpenter, Jr., of Houghton Lake, announce the birth of a daughter, Arianna Michelle, born at Mercy Hospital on August 29, 2006, at 2:57 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 9 oz., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Bethane Hunter and James Scott, of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Allie Jean, born at Mercy Hospital on August 7, 2006, at 2:24 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 11 oz., and measuring 20 inches in length.

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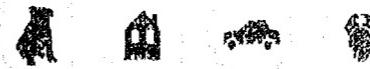
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87TH DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for August 2006

Hon. John G. Hunter

Kenneth David Webb, age 36 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 15, 2006 for larceny false pretenses more than \$200 but less than \$1,000; ordered to pay \$965 in fines or serve 30 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Daniel Mead McMillan, age 31 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 29, 2006 for interfering with crime report; ordered to pay \$705 in fines or serve 33 days in jail.

Brian Christopher Schlaff, age 31 of Mancelona - Sentenced on Aug. 22, 2006 for assault/assault and battery; ordered to pay \$505 in fines or serve 50 days in jail.

Tracie Lynn Wieczera, age 19 of Clawson - Sentenced on Aug. 29, 2006 for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 44 days in jail.

Wayne Charles McMann, age 42 of Yale - Sentenced on Aug. 8, 2006 for domestic violence; ordered to pay \$955 in fines or serve 93 days in jail.

Tracie Violet Therrien, age 38 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 1, 2006 for license suspended/revoke-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$375 in fines or serve 45 days in jail.

William Craig Reddie, age 26 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 25, 2006 for license suspended/revoke-allowed another suspended person to operate and operate without security; ordered to pay \$1,105 in fines or serve 110 days in jail.

Marcus Martin, age 38 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 15, 2006 for failure to use care while passing emergency vehicle; ordered to pay \$930 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days in jail.

Theodore Martin Rondeau, age 65 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 2, 2006 for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$365 in fines or serve 36 days in jail.

Ellaine Winter-Lucretia Welch, age 23 of Detroit - Sentenced on Aug. 1, 2006 for license suspended/revoke-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$405 in fines or serve 45 days in jail.

Jerry Andrew Oliver, age 17 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 22, 2006 for assault/assault and battery; ordered to pay \$155 in fines or serve 15 days in jail.

Thomas James Lozon, age 37 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 8, 2006 for no proof of insurance; ordered to pay \$145 in fines or serve 14 days in jail.

Phillip Alan Wightman, age 28 of Troy - Sentenced on Aug. 8, 2006 for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$845 in fines or serve 84 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

John Edward Glime, age 45 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 15, 2006 for operate while intoxicated; sentenced to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,455 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Tina Marie Wilkerson, age 33 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 15, 2006 for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 45 days in jail.

Jeffrey Matthew Malczynski, age 24 of West Union - Sentenced on Aug. 8, 2006 for license suspended/revoke-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$215 in fines or serve 21 days in jail.

Larry Ray Creamer, age 44 of Novi - Sentenced on Aug. 8, 2006 for license suspended/revoke-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$605 in fines or serve 109 days in jail.

Candace Marie Danberry, age 21 of Harrison - Sentenced on Aug. 29, 2006 for license suspended/revoke-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$405 in fines or serve 40 days in jail.

Joseph Elmer Quinn, age 49 of Mount Morris - Sentenced on Aug. 29, 2006 for license suspended/revoke-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$1,090 in fines or serve 109 days in jail.

Eric Johann Jurkovich, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 29, 2006 for person under 21 purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$350 in fines or serve 35 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Dale Charles Burpee, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on Aug. 1, 2006 for person under 21 purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$260 or serve 26 days in jail.

Magistrate Camarin Talarico - Alexander Cody Jester, age 18 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Aug. 8, 2006 for person under 21 transport/possession in vehicle; ordered to pay \$160 in fines or serve 16 days in jail.

James Curtis Fulkerson, age 41 of Pleasanton - Sentenced on Aug. 14, 2006 for license suspended/revoke-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$215 in fines.

46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for August 2006

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

James Edward Thompson Jr., age 23 of Frederic - Plead guilty on July 13, 2006 to breaking and entering with intent; sentenced on Aug. 10, 2006 to serve 270 days in jail with credit for 65 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$172.84 in restitution; placed on probation for 24 months.

Bryant Keith Kerr, age 41 of Grayling - Plead guilty on July 13, 2006 to controlled substance possession of non-narcotic; sentenced on Aug. 10, 2006 to serve one year and four months to two years in prison; ordered to pay \$845 in fines or serve 84 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Alexandro Lee Alegria, age 58 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Jan. 6, 2005 to assault with intent to sexually penetrate; sentenced on Aug. 10, 2006 to serve three years and two months to 10 years in prison with credit for 692 days served; ordered to pay and \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Theodore John Hoinka, age 66

of Romulus - Plead guilty on Feb. 24, 2006 to homicide negligent; sentenced on Aug. 21, 2006 and ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$300 circuit court costs.

Terry Duane Munro, age 37 of Grayling - Plead guilty on July 31, 2006 to police officer assault and habitual offender fourth conviction; sentenced to serve one year and six months to two years and six months in prison; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

Jeffrey Thomas Sanderson, age 16 of Harrison - Pled no contest on July 31, 2006 to assault with intent to murder; sentenced on Aug. 21, 2006 to serve six years and six month to 10 years in prison; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights; restitution to be determined.

Ronald Earl Ross, age 48 of Grayling - Plead guilty on July 3, 2006 to bond absconding/forfeit and habitual offender second conviction; sentenced on Aug. 21, 2006 to serve two years to six years in prison; ordered to pay

and \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

Craig Michael Tunstalle, age 30 of Grayling - Convicted by a jury on June 6, 2006 for two counts of police officer assault; sentenced on Aug. 21, 2006 to serve two years to four years in prison; ordered to pay \$120 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

Craig Michael Tunstalle, age 30 of Grayling - Convicted by a jury on June 6, 2006 for four counts of possession of child sexually abusive material and four counts of use of a computer to commit a crime; sentenced on Aug. 21, 2006 to serve two years to five months in prison to four years for possession of child sexually abusive material charges with credit given for 242 days served; sentenced to serve four years and two months to 12 years for in prison use of a computer to commit a crime charges with credit for 242 days served; ordered to pay \$480 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Library

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make a pirate purse to hold secret notes, maps, trinkets and treasures. All materials provided. Two sessions for this program will be on Thursday, Sept. 21 and 28, at 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m., at Devereaux Memorial Library. Workshop limited to 20 children.

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includes an assortment of American Girl items will be in a drawing for all children who enter (slips available at all CCLS locations). One slip per child per visit to the library. Slips available from Sept. 14 through 28. Drawing at end of second session of workshop. Need not be present to win.

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Football team wins 28-0 vs. East Jordan in league opener

Vikings force five turnovers in shutout victory against Red Devils

■ Grayling gets off to a 1-0 start in Lake Michigan Conference with Friday's win

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity football squad posted a 28-0 shutout victory over the visiting East Jordan Red Devils last Friday at Viking Stadium, improving the team's season record to 2-1 (1-0 league).

The Vikings received the opening kickoff and Isaac VanNuck returned the ball to Grayling's 43-yard line. A pass from quarterback Jeff Bancroft to Josh Stapleton and a run by fullback Tim VanNuck picked up a first down. On 4th and 4, the Vikings went for it but failed to convert, and East Jordan took over on downs.

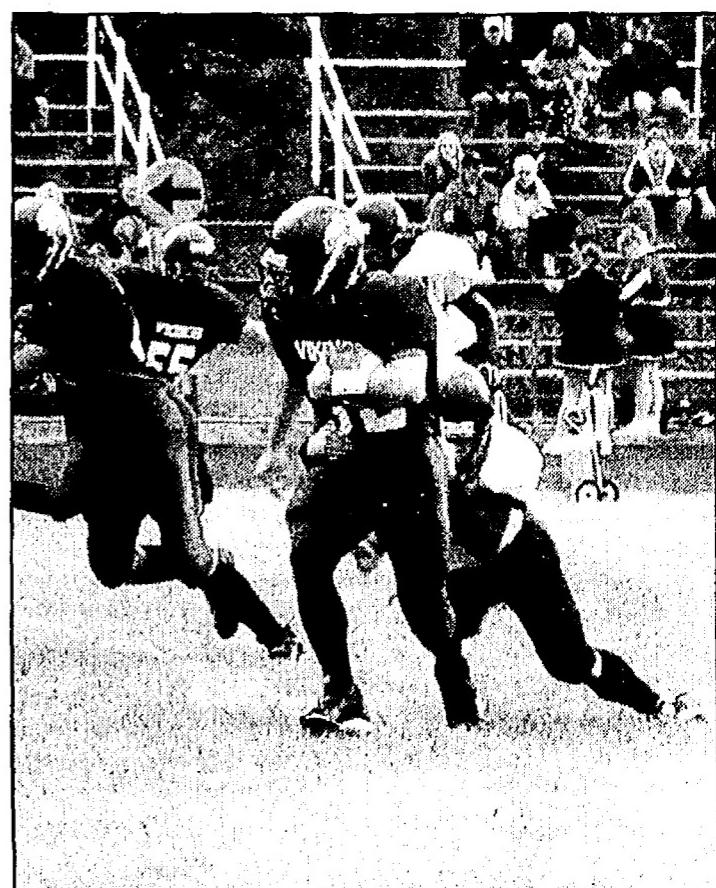
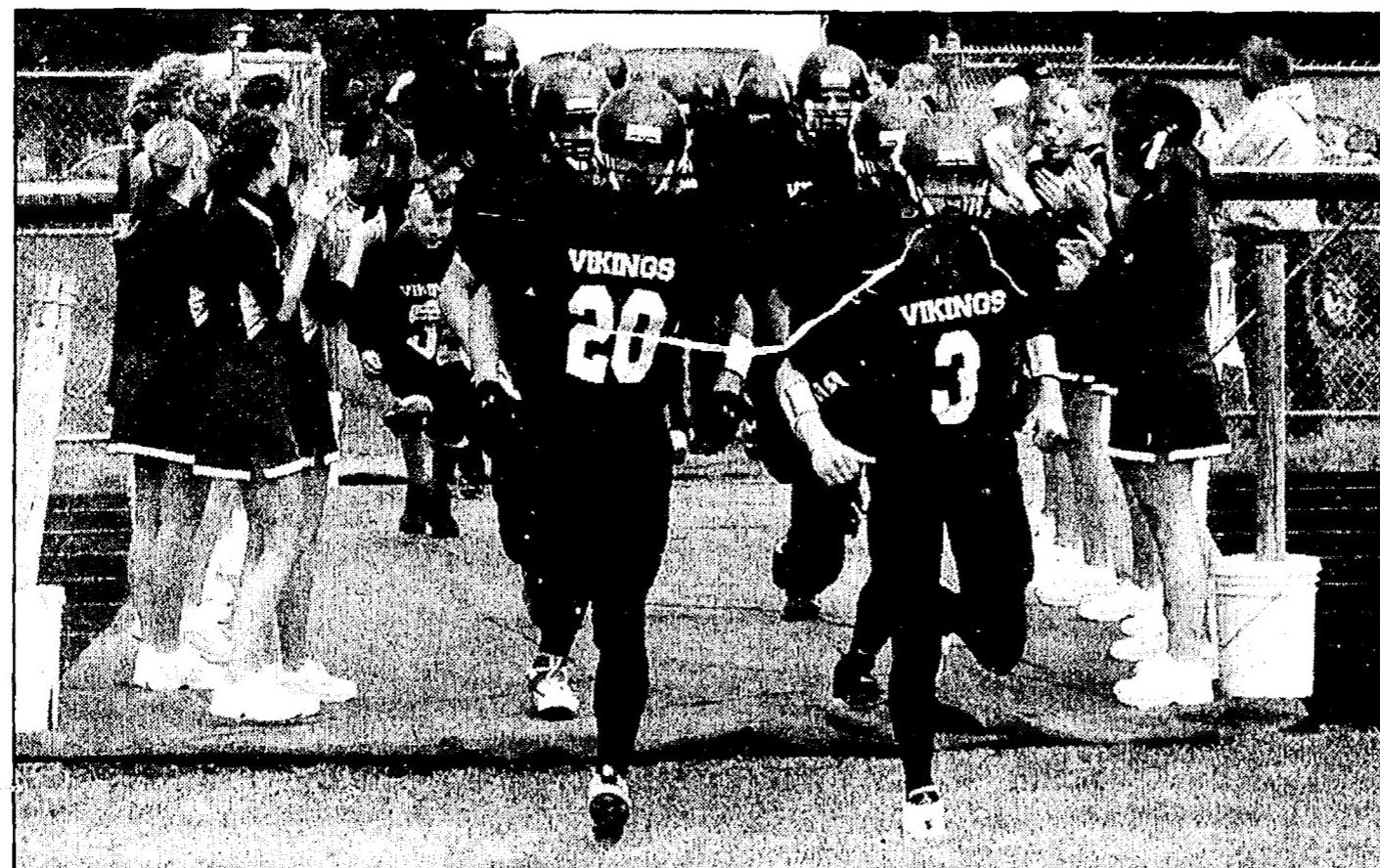
The Red Devils punted on the fourth play of the series. The next two possessions – one by each team – also ended with punts.

Grayling started at its own 35-yard line. Runs by Ryan Cooper and T. VanNuck gained enough for a first down. Two runs by T. VanNuck and one by Bancroft brought up 1st and 10 at East Jordan's 39-yard line. Four plays later, the drive ended on downs with a QB sack on 4th and 7.

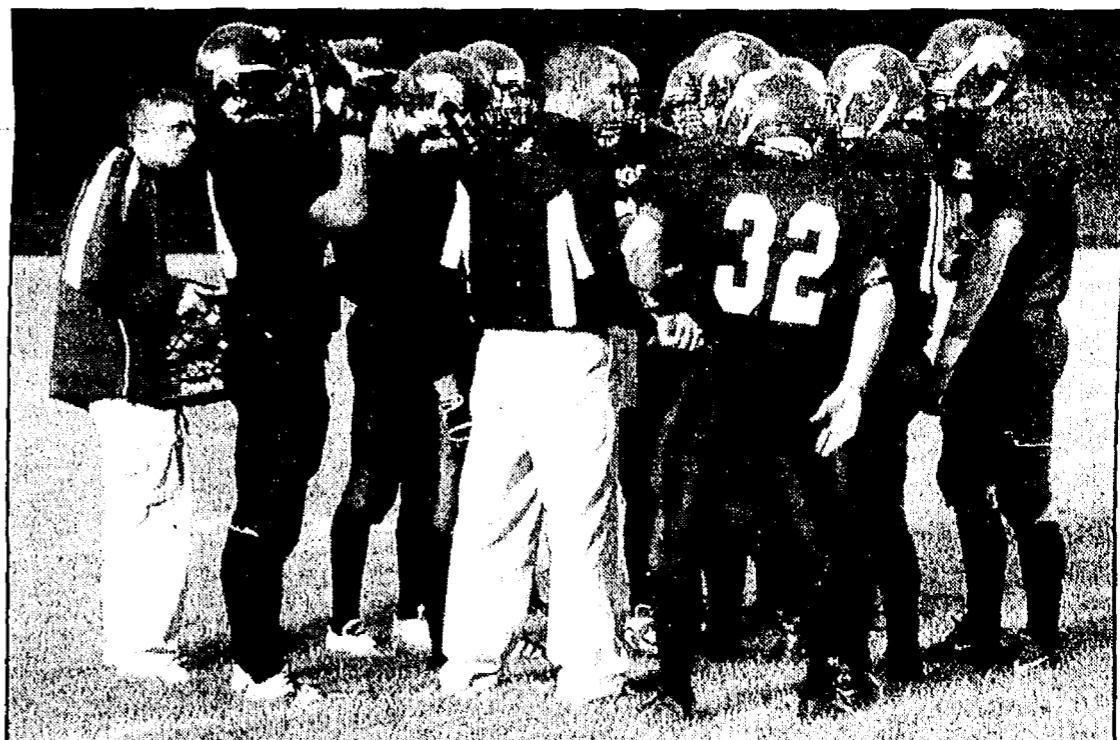
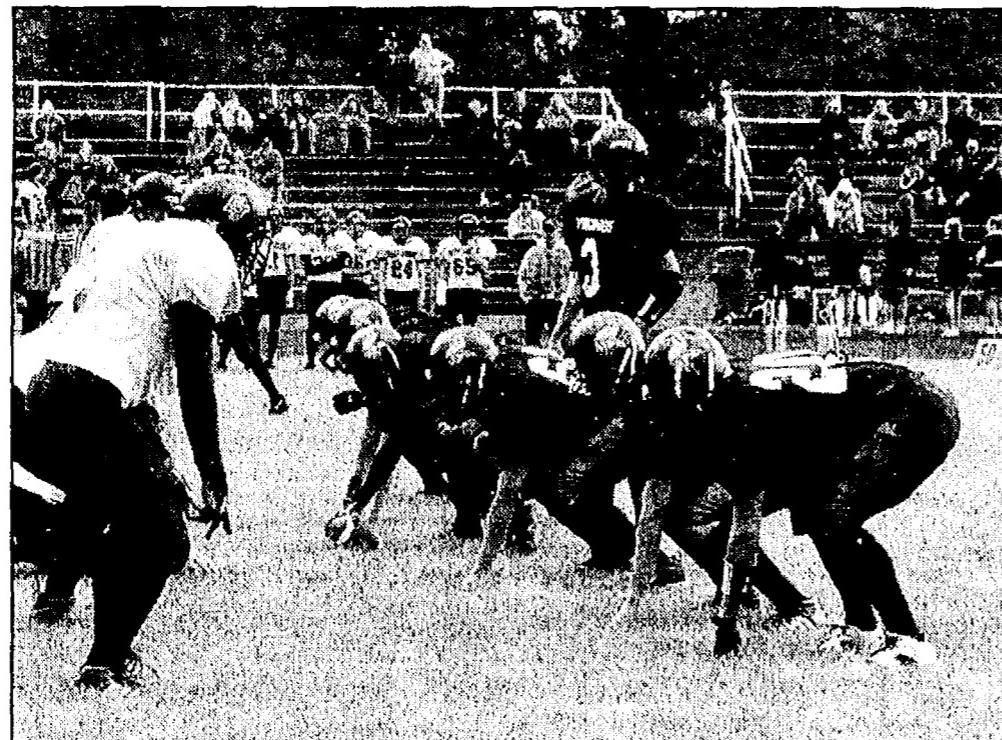
The Red Devils started at the 50-yard line and gained 15 yards and a first down with two runs and a completed pass. On 3rd and 9, the Red Devils completed a pass and the receiver broke

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See "FOOTBALL TEAM..."



(Left) Viking players enter the field before Friday night's contest against the East Jordan Red Devils. (Right) Ryan Cooper carries the ball for the Vikings vs. East Jordan.



(Left) Grayling runs a play on offense during Friday night's game vs. the Red Devils. (Right) Coach Tim Sanchez talks with his defensive players during a timeout on Friday.

GHS marching band performs at halftime



The Grayling High School marching band performs during halftime of last Friday's varsity football home game vs. East Jordan. The band's performance included theme music from a variety of classic cartoons.

JV football team edges Red Devils 19-18

■ Vikings overcome a 12-0 deficit and come back to win by one point

The Vikings of Grayling High School won last Thursday's junior varsity football contest at East Jordan by one point, 19-18, raising the squad's overall record to 2-1.

"The kids played intelligent, disciplined football," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "This was a complete team effort and a great win for our team."

"After giving up two early rushing touchdowns our defense held strong on a first down from our own 20-yard line. East Jordan came out and pounded on us early in the game. Our kids could have folded but instead they stepped up," Coach Kucharek said.

After holding the Red Devils at Grayling's 20-yard line, the Vikings drove 80 yards and finished the series with a 15-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jimmy Osga to Justin Farnsworth. The extra point try failed and Grayling trailed 12-6.

Tyler Hanson recovered Grayling's kickoff and the Vikings finished the possession with an 8-yard touchdown run by

Dustin Russo. With the extra point kick, GHS led 13-12.

Spencer Dean recovered an East Jordan fumble to get the ball back for Grayling. Two plays later, Russo rushed for his second touchdown of the game. The extra point attempt failed, and the Vikings had a 19-12 advantage.

"In seven plays we went from being down 12-0 to leading 19-12. Our kids could have hung their heads and played bad after being down 12-0, but instead they stepped up and played harder," Coach Kucharek said.

East Jordan scored on a 10-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. The Vikings sealed the victory with a goal line stand and won by a final score of 19-18.

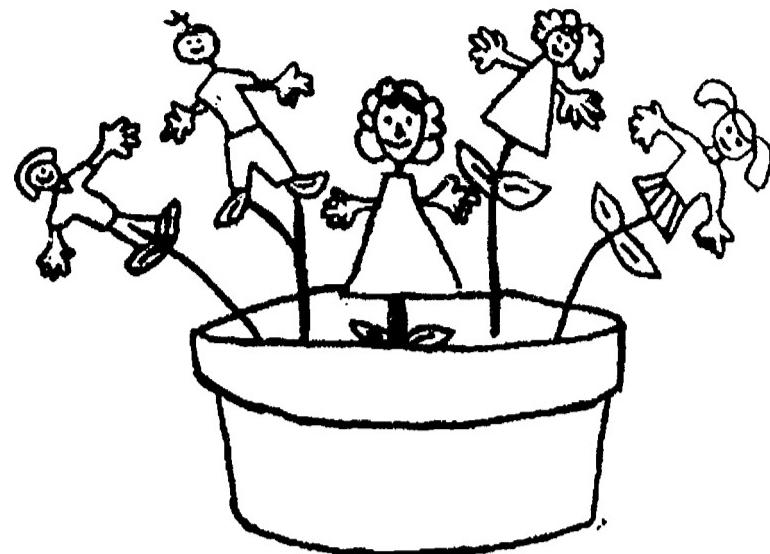
Grayling finished the match with 253 yards of offense – 165 rushing yards and 88 passing yards.

Osga was 7 for 13 with 88 passing yards and one touchdown. Farnsworth caught six passes for 76 yards and a touchdown. Russo carried the ball 37 times for 165 yards and two touchdowns.

The JV Vikings will host Elk Rapids on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m.

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Varsity basketball squad defeats Harrison 55-41

■ Vikings lose to Kalkaska on Tuesday but win against Hornets on Thursday

Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball team defeated the Harrison Hornets 55-41 last Thursday at GHS.

The Vikings led 14-10 after one quarter but trailed 23-22 at halftime. Grayling led 40-33 after three quarters and won by 14 points.

"Early fouls really put us in a

tough situation. We had three starters who did not start the second half due to foul trouble. Our bench really stepped it up and played with a great deal of energy the second half. Everyone got involved. It was fun watching everything come together," Coach L.J. Mead said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Laura Boylan, 16 points, 12 rebounds, 3 blocks; Jessie Baker, 12 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals; Annie Melroy, 8 points, 3

assists, 2 rebounds; Ashley Bindschatel, 7 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals, 2 assists; Abby Wheeler, 6 points, 2 rebounds; Gabby Calkins, 4 points, 5 assists; Monica Peters, 2 points, 5 rebounds. Audrey Alimenti had 2 rebounds.

On Tuesday, Grayling lost to Kalkaska 70-22 at GHS.

"This was obviously a tough loss. Kalkaska is a great team with tremendous talent, but we did not play up to our ability. We were lazy on defense and

there seemed to be a lid on the basket at the offensive end. We will just keep working and there will be better nights ahead," Coach Mead said.

Boylan had 12 points and 10 rebounds. Bindschatel had 4 points and 7 assists, Peters had 2 points and 8 rebounds, and Wheeler finished with 2 points, 6 rebounds, and 2 steals.

The Vikings will host the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators on Thursday, Sept. 14.

JV basketball team wins 36-23 vs. Harrison Hornets

■ Vikings defeat Hornets on Thursday, fall to Kalkaska on Tuesday night

The GHS junior varsity girls basketball team won its home game against the Harrison Hornets last Thursday by a final score of 36-23.

Sam Schreiber had 17 points, 5 rebounds, and 5 steals for GHS. Alyssa Lewis had 10 points, 5 rebounds, and 5 steals.

Krista Schultz had 7 boards and 3 steals.

"The girls were fired up and ready to go. We had the game from the very beginning," Coach Angie Dalak said. "In our first three games, Sam and Alyssa have consistently done good things and made things happen on the court. The rest of the team fed off of that tonight and everyone worked really hard. We are all learning a lot this season and having a great

time. I am very impressed with how much improvement these girls have made."

On Tuesday night, the JV Vikings lost to Kalkaska 36-22.

"We came out flat and let them do whatever they wanted to in the first half. We picked it up after the half, but it just wasn't enough," Coach Dalak said.

Lewis had 8 points and 6 rebounds. Brianna Farrell had 6 points, 4 rebounds, and 4 steals. Schreiber had 4 points, 5

rebounds, and 5 steals.

"The girls showed some determination by coming out strong in the second after such a weak first half. From this game, I think they've learned that they have to be intense for the whole game," Coach Dalak said.

The JV squad has a 2-1 record through three games this season.

The Vikings will host the Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m.

GRAYLING REDSKINS FOOTBALL

Freshman 1 (5th & 6th grade)

The Grayling Redskins freshman 1 team won its third game of the year on Saturday, Sept. 2, with a 15-0 victory over the Indian River Titans at Redskin Field.

"We ran the ball hard," Coach Jeff Parkinson said. "Jeff Enos, Wes Dean, and Jacob Cochrane

all had big yards all day. Scott Parkinson had two touchdowns and Justice Juntila had an extra point score. The offensive line opened holes all day."

Dean tackled the Titan ball carrier in the end zone for a safety (two points).

"(Our) defense was solid. Coach John Cochrane made some great adjustments all day and held the Titans to four first downs the whole game. Once again this team played as one unit and did not give up. We told them at the start of the game, 'Let's get the lead early and then we can adjust to them on defense,' and we did just that. Coach Cochrane was pleased with everyone's intensity. All week we worked on some key defensive plays and they worked just as planned," Coach Parkinson said. "This team plays as one unit and

everyone has an important role to play, which has showed in all three wins."

The Redskins improved their season record to 4-0 with a 13-12 victory over Houghton Lake at HL on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Grayling scored on a 74-yard kick return by Parkinson. The extra point attempt failed, and the score was tied at 6-6. Grayling scored its second TD on a 35-yard run by Cochrane. With the extra point, the Redskins led 13-6.

"We started out great, nice return, and we ran the ball well. Our offensive line of Lucas Walesky, Nick Argue, Jeff Meyers, Justice Juntila, Chris Phillips, Ryan Daly, and Tyler Summers were firing off the ball great. Jeff Enos had some hard fought yards and we moved the ball. All our scoring was in the first half. We kept

them deep in their end — Blake Hatfield kicked well all day," Coach Parkinson said. "Matt Burrell and Sam Cousins filled in on offense at some key times and did well."

"But it was our defense that was fantastic. They ran a lot of misdirection plays all day. Woody Hartwick, Devon Stephan, Matt Shep, Curtis Wilson, and Nathan Lilly all made great defensive stops. Wes Dean, Parkinson, and Enos plugged the middle and Tyler Powers was strong at safety also. Michael Beck, Cody Baynham, and Brandon Lateusek also got some time at new positions and played well," Coach Parkinson said.

"We had a great goal line stand and got the ball back. But they held us and got the ball on the 10-yard line. We came together with all the players who were in and held again to stop them and run out the clock. Coach John Cochrane and Dave Lateusek have put together a great defensive plan and today it showed," Coach Parkinson said.

"We were lucky today," Coach Parkinson and Coach Bob Summers said.

The Redskins play Alpena at Rogers City on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 12 noon.

Wendy's

Viking of the Week

Girls Basketball

Coach: L.J. Mead

LAURA BOYLAN

Laura posted a double-double against both Harrison and Kalkaska last week, with an average of 14 points and 11 rebounds per contest.

GRA Men's Softball

The Grayling Recreation Authority men's softball league ended its 2006 season last week with the championship tournament.

In the first round of the double elimination tournament, regular season league champion DuBois Lumber advanced with a bye, and Kodiak, American

Legion, and Tin Fish advanced with wins. DuBois Lumber defeated Kodiak and Tin Fish defeated American Legion in the next round. DuBois Lumber won its game vs. Tin Fish to secure a spot in the tournament's championship game.

In the lower bracket, World of Floors beat Springs, then lost to

Kodiak. SMK/Grayrock posted a win over American Legion, then defeated Kodiak to advance to the lower bracket's deciding game. SMK/Grayrock won vs. Tin Fish and moved on to the championship round vs. DuBois Lumber.

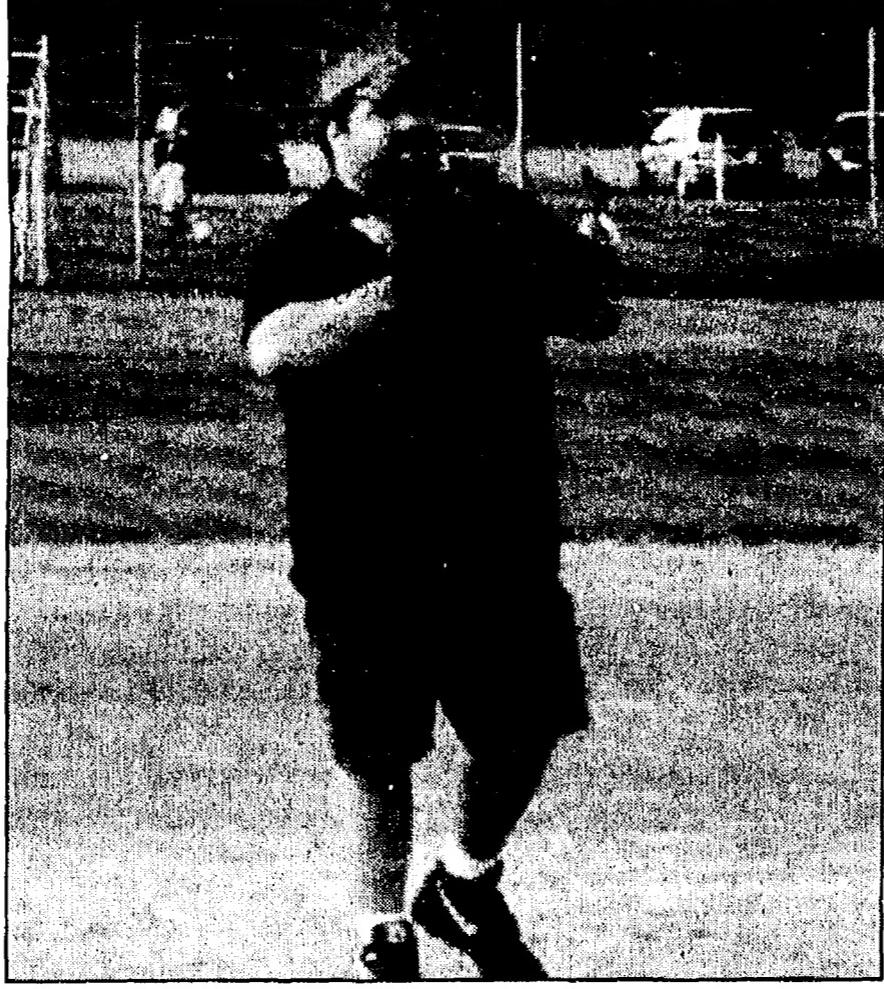
In the championship round, held last Thursday at Hanson

Hills, SMK/Grayrock defeated DuBois Lumber 24-16 to force a second game. With both teams at one loss for the tournament, the second game would decide the tournament championship.

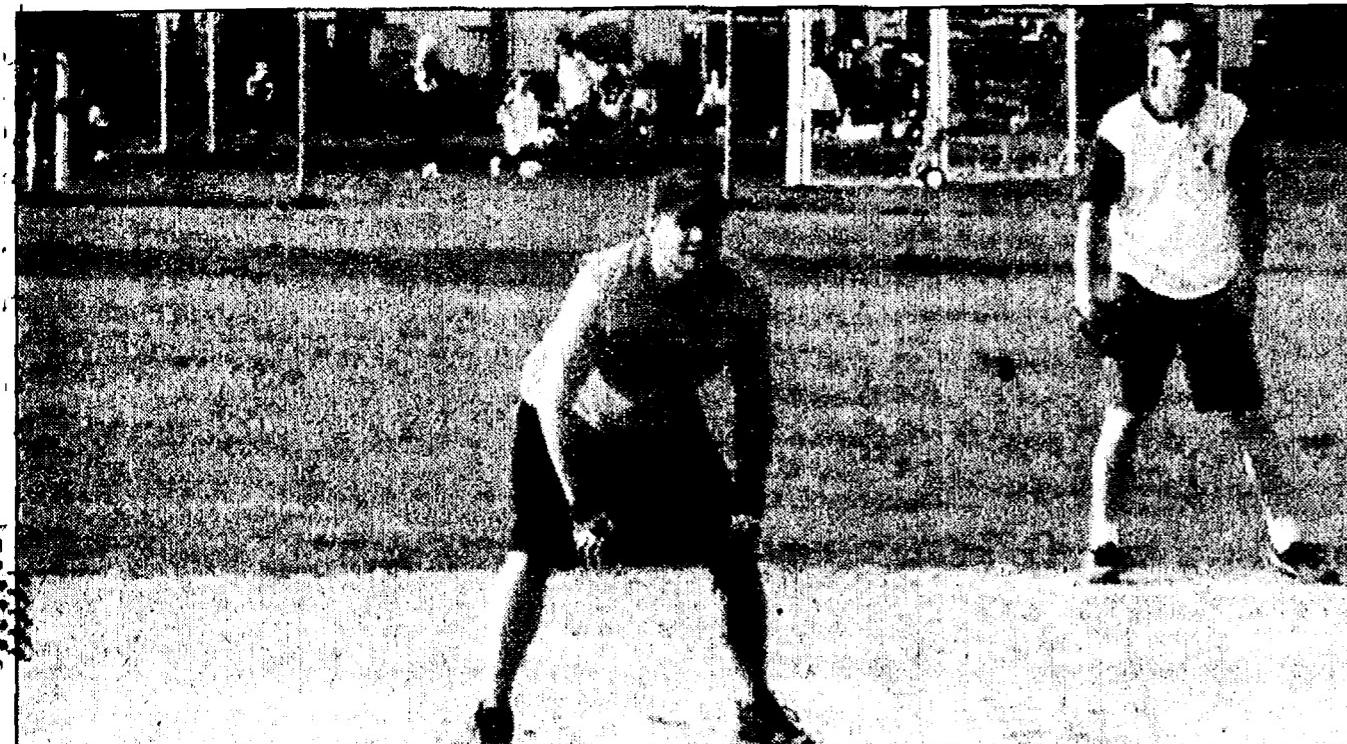
DuBois Lumber won the decisive game by a final score of 13-10 to win the tournament.



The DuBois Lumber team, this year's GRA men's softball league regular season and tournament champions: (front, L to R) John Dannenburg, Mike Kirmo, Zach Mack, Dave Burr, Joel Mack; (back, L to R) Troy McDonald, Travis Huber, Brad Ritter, Dustin Engstrom, Mike D'Amour, Max Prosser.

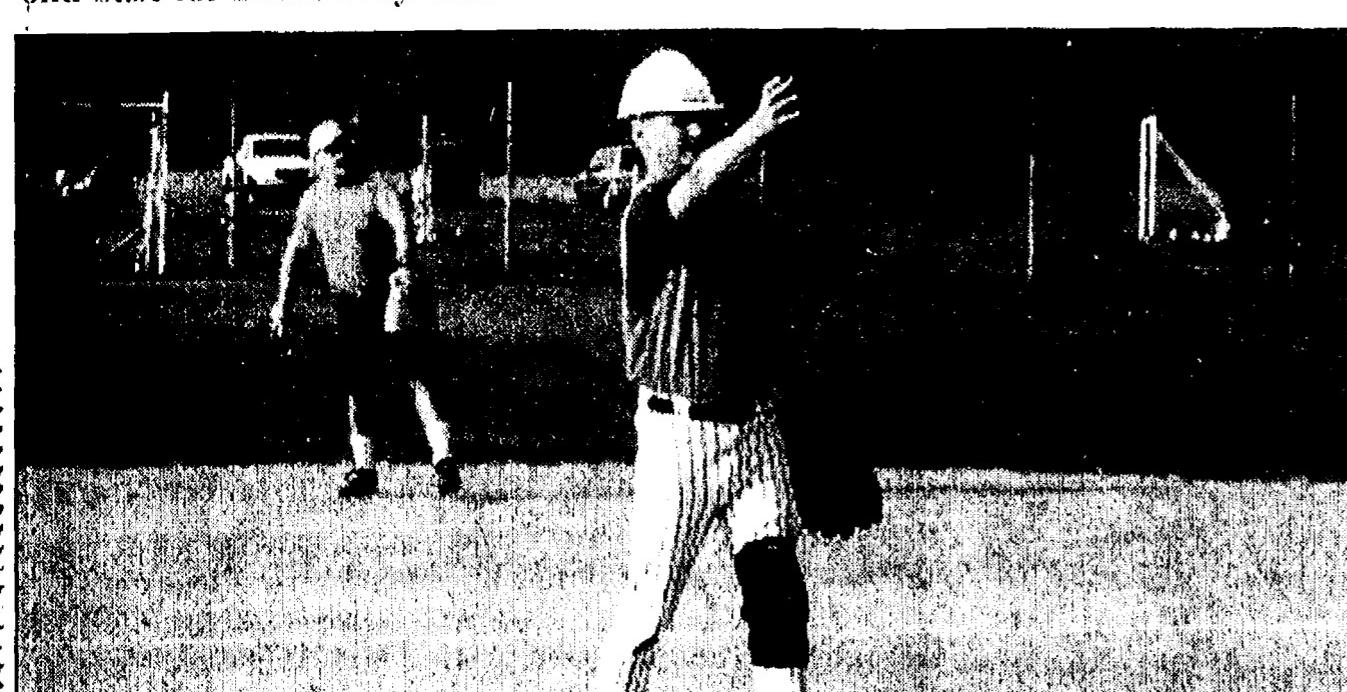


(Left) Jimmy Schwartz rounds third base on his way home for the SMK/Grayrock team during last week's tournament championship series vs. DuBois Lumber. (Right) Chad Flowers pitches for SMK/Grayrock.



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Mike Kirmo of DuBois Lumber gets ready to run while Andrew Barber plays second base for SMK/Grayrock.



Dave Burr (DuBois Lumber) throws a warm-up pitch during Thursday's game.

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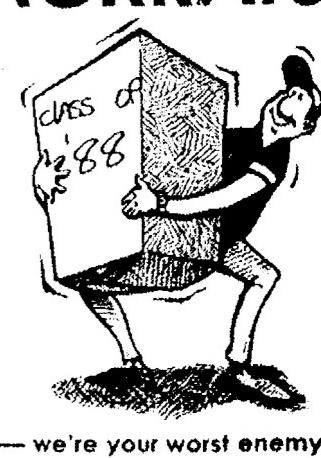
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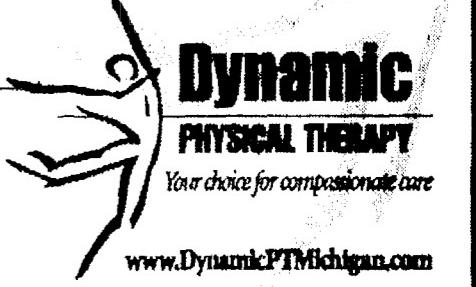
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Golf team hosts league meet at Grayling Country Club

■ Vikings place 4th out of eight teams at Lake Michigan Conference event

Grayling High School's boys golf squad placed fourth out of eight Lake Michigan Conference teams at last Thursday's league meet at Grayling Country Club.

Individual scores for the Vikings included: Taylor Desenfants 41, Scot Olson 42, Andrew Hart 46, Joel Collen 46, Rocky McNamara 47, Jason Wilson 47.

Grayling's team score of 175 put GHS ahead of Elk Rapids, Boyne City, East Jordan, and Kalkaska. The match was won by Traverse City St. Francis with a 160. Charlevoix had 172 and Harbor Springs shot 173. Desenfants's 41 was good for a tie for 5th place individually.

On Friday, Sept. 8, the Vikings competed in a 23-team meet at The Classic at Otsego Club hosted by Gaylord.

Individual scores for GHS included: Olson 87, McNamara 92, Desenfants 93, Hart 95, Collen 107.

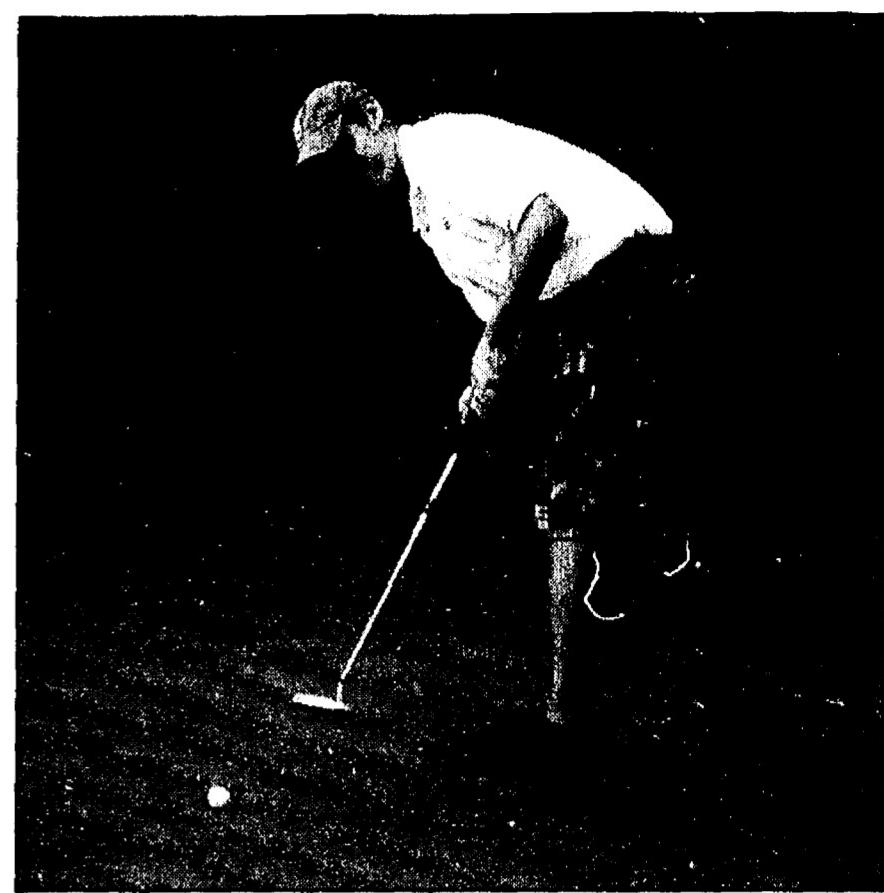
"Our 367 put us in the middle of the pack," Coach Herb Olson said. "Consistent play from Scot Olson."

Fifteen JV squads played on the Black Bear at Gaylord on Saturday.

Grayling's JV scores included: Wilson 86, Mike Olson 92, Derek Etzler 100, Mike Jozwiak 107, Josh Bofisyl 113.

"Not a bad score for our JVs at 385. A great round from Jason Wilson," Coach Olson said.

The Vikings play the Roscommon Bucks on Friday, Sept. 15.



Andrew Hart puts for the Vikings during their league meet last Thursday at Grayling Country Club.



(Left) Scot Olson puts for Grayling on Thursday. (Right) Joel Collen hits a tee shot for GHS during last week's Lake Michigan Conference meet.

GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

What a beautiful day we had on Wednesday, Aug. 30 for our Presidents Day and to close out our season for this year.

Upon arrival, the decorating committee had all the tables done up so nicely, with a little parting gift for all. Doughnuts and coffee were made available for all and then mulligans were sold by Aggie Trudgeon, while Shirley Schultz sold raffle tickets.

We then started our morning of golf at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. We played scrambles and there was a four way tie for first place with a 38. The team of Sue Bremer, Sherry Hanson and Balkis Shippy. The team of Carolyn DiPonio, Evie Kent and Kay Ellen King, the team of

Rhea Gierke, Lynda Hetrick and Bev Zimmerman and lastly the team of Juanita Brown, Dorthea Carlson, Treva McClanahan and Sandy Winkle.

Four past presidents were able to join us today, Carolyn DiPonio, Nancy Hoffman, Elsie Jansen and Sally McNamara.

The other eight past presidents still actively playing in the league are Edie Blaha, Lynda

Hetrick, Evie Kent, Kay Ellen

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McNamara, Kathy Olson and

Sandy Winkle.

Upon our return to the clubhouse, some of the gals had made some delicious hors d'oeuvres and punch was also served.

We relaxed a bit, then Kathy Olson, chairperson for today, welcomed all who came and then turned the mike over to Nancy Hoffman, who regaled us with some very funny jokes and stories.

Then when our lunch was ready to be served, she said grace.

We enjoyed a tossed salad and either meat or vegetable lasagna. Very excellent.

After that, an array of beautiful and tasty desserts, brought by some great bakers in our group were enjoyed. Such a great feast.

Outgoing president, JoAnn Michal introduced her board and the new president, Nancy Glasslee and presented vice-president, Bev McNamara.

Lynda Hetrick then presented JoAnn with a beautiful plant and gift certificate.

Kathy Olson, then turned the program over to Nancy Glasslee, outgoing president of the golf committee and she presented all awards for this year.

This is my last article for this year, so once again, Thank you,

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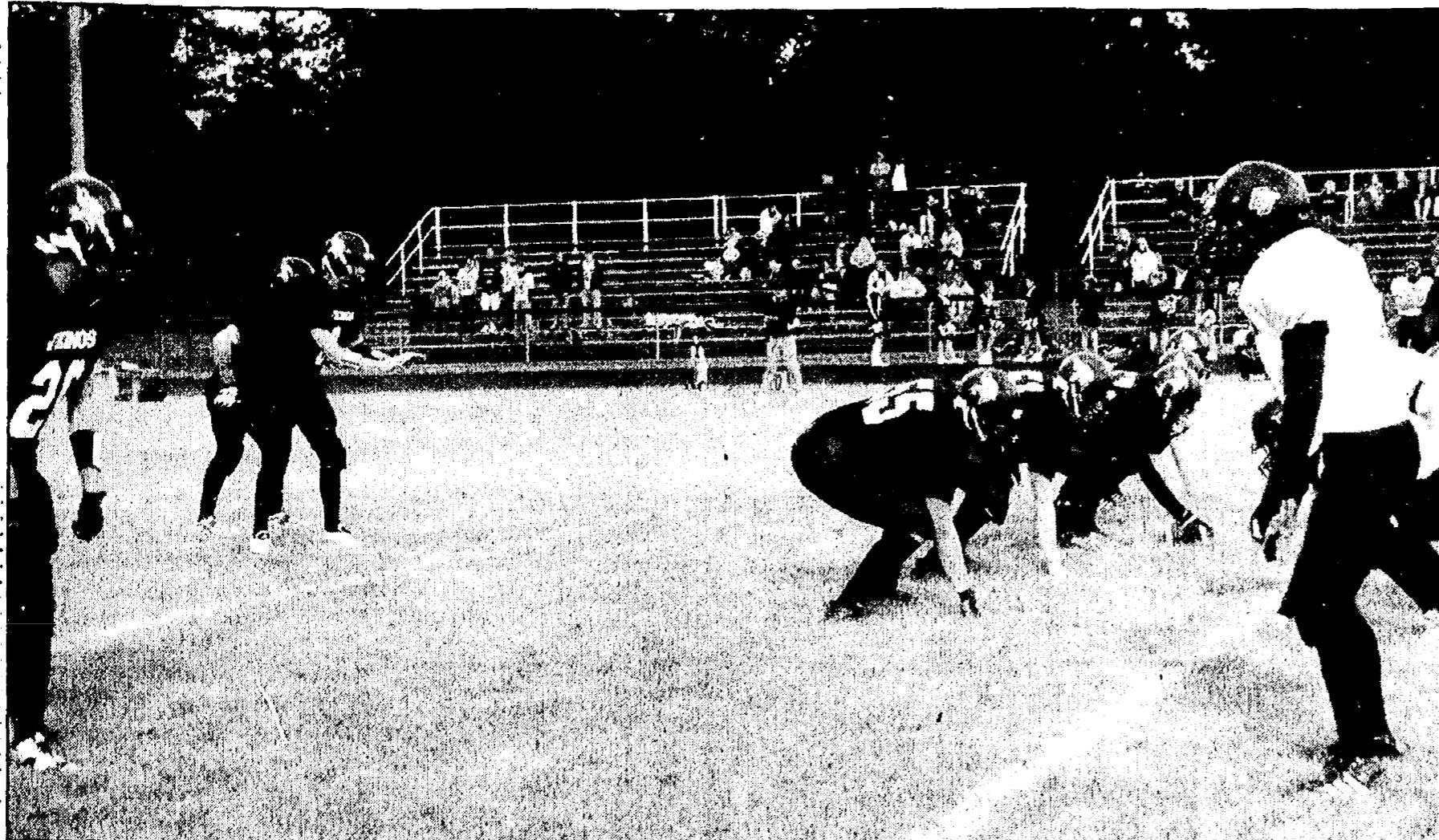
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The Vikings run a play from shotgun formation during last Friday's game against East Jordan.

Football team wins 28-0 vs. East Jordan in league opener

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free for a run toward the end zone. Cooper caught up to him just before the goal line and forced a fumble. Stapleton recovered the loose ball in the end zone for a touchback, giving GHS possession of the ball at its 20-yard line.

On 3rd and 12, a pass from Bancroft to I. VanNuck picked up 13 yards. On the next play, Bancroft's pass was tipped in the secondary and Stapleton came down with the ball. Stapleton evaded a defender and ran into the end zone for a 47-yard touchdown. Jason Drudge kicked the extra point, and GHS led 7-0 with 10:11 left in the first half.

East Jordan's next series ended with a punt on 4th and 13.

On Grayling's first play of the series, Bancroft completed a pass to Nick Parkinson for a gain of 135 yards. A pass to Stapleton on the next play gained 18 yards. On 2nd and 10, Bancroft connected with I. VanNuck in the end zone for a 22-yard TD pass. Drudge kicked the extra point and GHS led 14-0.

On the first play of East Jordan's next possession, Bancroft intercepted a Red Devil pass to get the ball for GHS.

Grayling started at its 49-yard line. A run by Cooper picked up 10 yards. On 3rd and 5, Bancroft passed deep to Parkinson, who caught the ball and ran into the end zone for a touchdown. With Drudge's extra point kick, Grayling had a 21-0 lead with 4:59 remaining in the first half.

The next two possessions ended with punts.

East Jordan, starting at its own 23-yard line with 1:45 left in the second period, ran six plays before the half ended.

The Red Devils received the ball to open the second half and punted it away six plays later.

The Vikings started at their 19-yard line. On 3rd and 10, Bancroft completed a pass to I. VanNuck for a gain of 30 yards. Cooper ran for 23 yards on 2nd and 10. T. VanNuck ran for 12 yards on the next play. On 2nd and 8, Bancroft ran into the ball into the end zone for a 14-yard touchdown. Grayling led 28-0 after Drudge's extra point kick.

East Jordan punted on 4th and 25, and GHS took over at its 41-yard line.

Cooper ran for 35 yards on the first play of the series. A run by Cooper on 3rd and 8 gained 12 yards. On 4th and 6, Grayling tried a field goal, but a fumbled snap resulted in a short kick.

East Jordan took over at its 20-yard line. The Red Devils drove 63 yards on 10 plays to bring up 1st and 10 at Grayling's 17-yard line. On the 11th play of the drive, Cooper intercepted an East Jordan pass to end the series.

Grayling, starting at its 20-yard line, gained 12 yards on the first play of the possession with a pass to Parkinson. On 3rd and 12, Bancroft passed to Parkinson for a gain of 15 yards. Grayling



Josh Stapleton catches a pass on a play that resulted in a touchdown last Friday against East Jordan.

subbed in its second string offense, and the series ended with a punt.

On East Jordan's first play from scrimmage, the Red Devils fumbled and Tory Myers recovered the ball for the Vikings.

The Red Devils recovered a Grayling fumble on 3rd and 10 to get the ball back.

East Jordan started at Grayling's 41-yard line. On the ninth play of the drive (2nd and 23), I. VanNuck intercepted a Red Devil pass.

The Vikings kneeled twice to kill the final few seconds and finish the contest with a 28-0 victory. The win improved Grayling's season record to 2-1 and put the team's Lake Michigan Conference record at 1-0.

Grayling's defense forced five

turnovers in the contest – three interceptions and two fumble recoveries – and turned two of them into touchdowns with scoring drives.

"I was concerned with how we would respond to last week's loss. As a staff, we were not very happy with the first quarter execution but then we turned on after Ryan Cooper hustled back and caused an EJ fumble on the goal line. From then on we rolled, scoring 21 points in two and a half minutes. Our receivers really overcame last week's mistakes by hauling in most of Jeff Bancroft's passes. And defensively, Coach Sanchez really put an excellent game plan together to shut everything down that EJ was trying," Coach Ben Brock said.

"Jeff had a great game passing – 12 for 22 for 272 yards and three touchdowns. He also scored on a 14-yard touchdown (run) in the third quarter. Nick Parkinson caught five passes for 101 yards including a 36-yard score. Isaac VanNuck caught three passes for 85 yards and a 21-yard score. Josh Stapleton caught a 43-yard touchdown to go along with his three catches for 75 yards on the night. Ryan



Quarterback Jeff Bancroft runs the ball for the Vikings on Friday vs. East Jordan.

Cooper rushed 12 times for 115 yards and Tim VanNuck rushed for 70 yards as well," Coach Brock said.

"We finished the night forcing many turnovers and making crucial tackles when it counted. Jeff Bancroft led the defense with 13 tackles, two sacks, and one interception. Tim VanNuck finished the night with 10 tackles and a sack. Isaac VanNuck also had an interception and five tackles. Our swarming defense did a great job of executing our scheme and we were very proud of the shutout. The adjustments that Coach Sanchez made that allowed our players to be in the best possible position made all of the difference tonight," Coach Brock said.

"We have Elk Rapids this week and they are undefeated. Their new coach is Ed Schindler and he is very good. He led Whitmore Lake to the playoffs and now this is his first season with the Elks. This will be a great challenge. We better be up for it," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings play their next two games on the road. On Friday, Sept. 15, Grayling plays at Elk Rapids at 7 p.m. On Friday, Sept. 22, the Vikings play at Harbor Springs for a 75-yard on the night. Ryan

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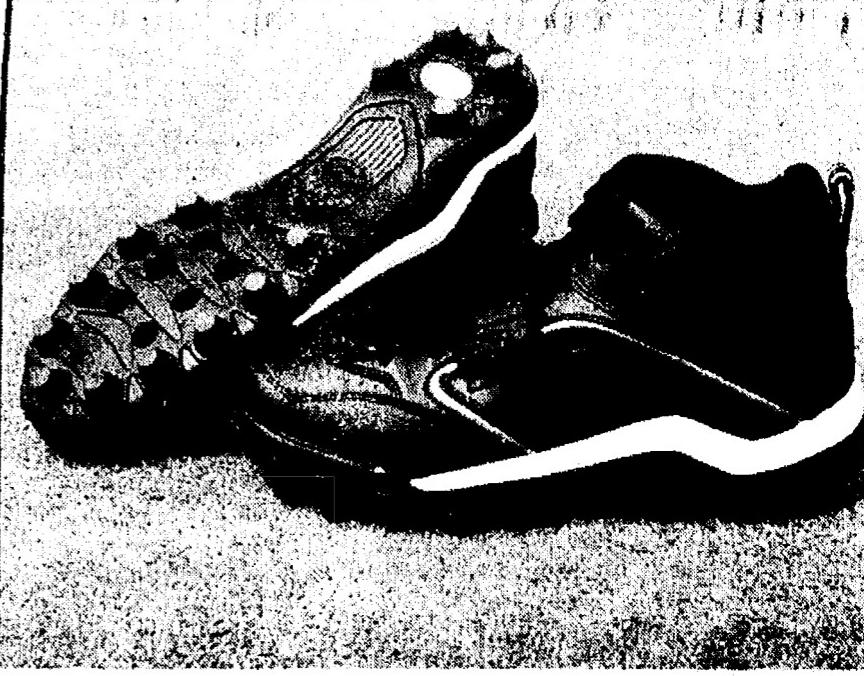
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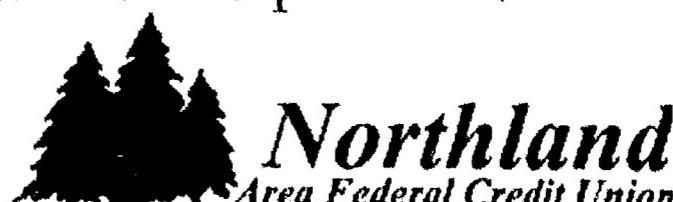
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4. Baltimore 12. Arizona

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7. St. Louis

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 10. Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta www.ScottMcNamaraFordofGrayling.com  Scott McNamara FORD - MERCURY of Grayling (989) 348-3242	 11. Arizona vs. Seattle Medicine Shoppe Michele Steffey, R. Ph., Owner/Operator, 500 N. James St. • Grayling, MI (989) 348-2000 Hours: Mon-Fri: 10-6; Sat: 10-1 <i>"Caring Beyond Prescriptions"</i>	 12. St. Louis vs. San Francisco AVALANCHE CLASSIFIEDS GET IN THE GAME! ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

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Please Note: Advertiser MUST be written in next to team or slip will be VOID!!
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Game 2

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Game 12

Tiebreaker 1 Game #1

Tiebreaker 2 Game #9

Tiebreaker 3 Game #12

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.



GOLF

After 36 holes of golf, the 2006 Grayling Country Club Championship tournament came to an end on Sunday, Aug. 27, with Derek Johnston being crowned 2006 Men's Club Champion and Connie Gates

2006 Ladies' Club Champion. Johnston shot 66-75/141 to win his second club championship while Gates shot 88-89/177 to win her first championship. Six-time champion Paul Wilson finished second, shooting

69-78/147 in the Men's Championship Flight.

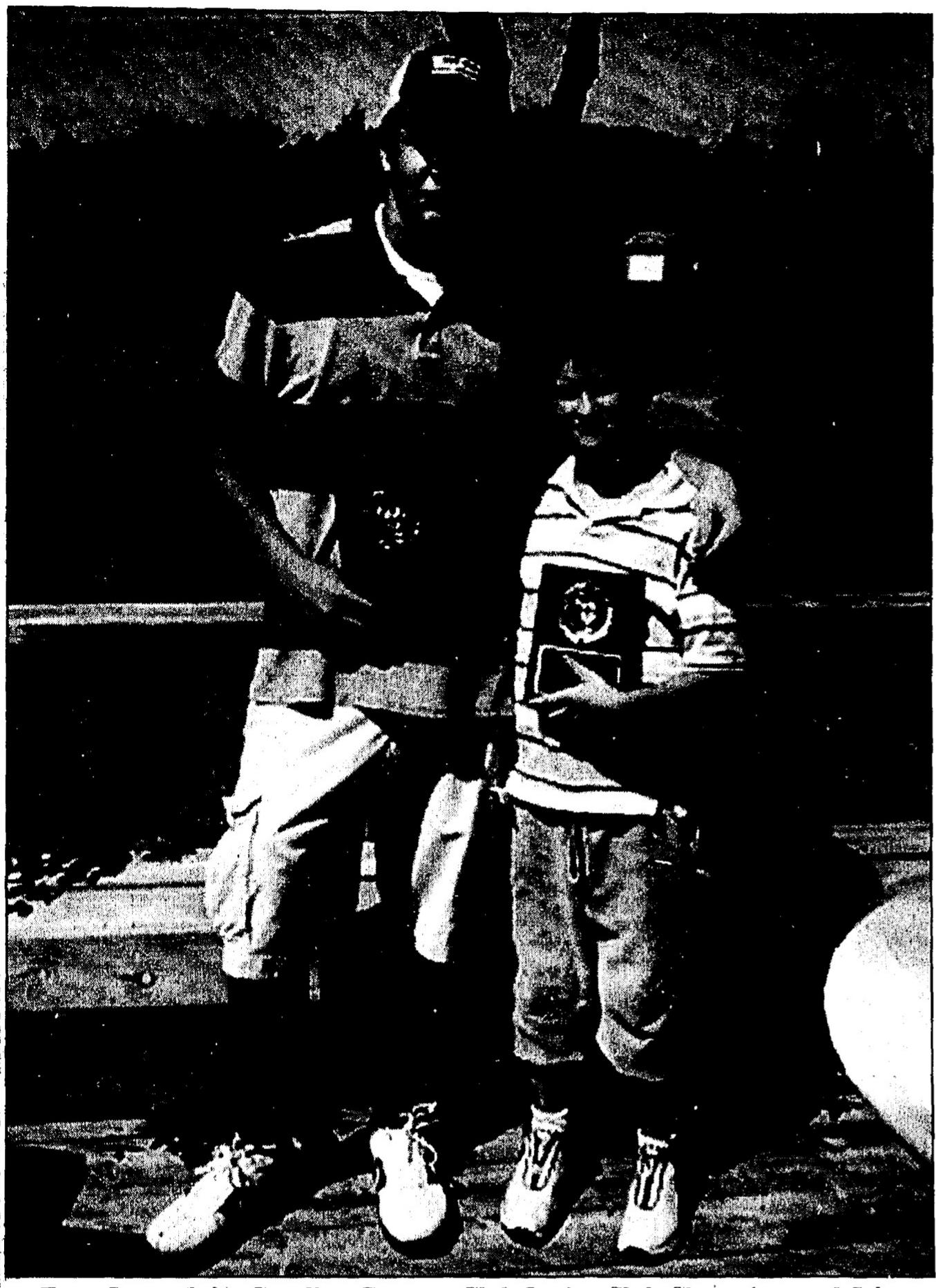
Other flight winners included: Al Zigila (Men's Super Senior), Jeanette Kitchen (Ladies' Super Senior), Ken Smith (Men's Senior), Liz Tate (Ladies'

Senior).

Grayling Country Club held its annual Junior Club Championship tournament on Aug. 12-13. The event included 36 holes of golf over the two-day period.

Jake Hinkle won the 10-and-under division with a score of 208 (from the forward tees). Trent Larm shot 78-82 for a total of 160 to win his first GCC Junior Club Championship.

Finishing behind Larm were: Taylor Desenfants (87-87/174), Andrew Hart (85-92/177), Mike Olson (91-90/181), Josh Johnson (99-95/194), Jonathon Lovely (105-89/194), Andrew Upton (129-135/264).



Trent Larm (left), Grayling Country Club Junior Club Champion, and Jake Hinkle (right), GCC Junior Club Champion – 10-and-under division

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Nova E. Byford, an adult woman, and Thorhallur Olfsson, a single man, mortgagors, to First National Bank of Gaylord, n/k/a Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 16, 2002, and was recorded on October 23, 2002, in Liber 603 on pages 56 through 64 of the Crawford County records. Part of the collateral was released by a Partial Release dated February 6, 2006, and recorded February 13, 2006, at Liber 679, Pages 823-824. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$146,924.90, including interest at 7.625% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagor before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Lovells, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

PARCEL A:

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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph A Vannuck and Kimberly S Vannuck, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 1994, and recorded on

November 14, 1994 in Liber 386 on Page 211, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Six And 98/100 Dollars (\$21,706.98), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 11, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25 North, Range 3 West; thence East 200 feet; thence South 400 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence North 400 feet to the Point of Beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 7, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #030529F02

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Juell L. Joseph and Connie R. Joseph, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to American General Finance Services (DE) Inc. dated the 27th day of May, A.D. 2005, and recorded in the office of the Registered of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 9th day of June, A.D. 2005, in Liber 675 of Crawford Records, on page 866, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$87,532.95 (Eighty Seven thousand, Five hundred Thirty Two dollars and Ninety Five cents) plus accrued interest at 9.30% (nine point three zero) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 20th day of September, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Frederic, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Parcel G: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 3, Town 27 North, Range 4 West; the point of beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 3, thence South 89 degrees 64 minutes 30 seconds West along the East and West 1/4 line; 320 feet, thence North 01 degrees 30 minutes 45 seconds East 342 feet, thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East; 320 feet, thence South 01 degrees 30 minutes 45 seconds West 342 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: 5533 Sand Hill Rd.

Tax ID: 030-003-003-050-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 17, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northeast Michigan Consortium has approximately 150 computers available to Governmental, Educational and Non-Profit organizations. The cost per computer is \$75.00.

The computers include the CPU, keyboard and mouse, there are no monitors included. The computers are Pentium III, 384 kb memory, 20 gig hard drives, CD-Rom and 3.5 floppy. They have Windows 2000 professional installed but no application programs.

Please contact Liz Fagele at 989-733-8548, extension 321 or e-mail her at Liz@miworks-nemc.gen.mi.us.

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Troy, Michigan 48084
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FORECLOSURE:

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE -- Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Lawrence J Julian, married and Janet Julian, Non-Obligor Spouse/Owner to The City Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Mortgagor, dated October 23, 2001 and recorded November 5, 2001 in Liber 558 Page 397 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee successor in interest to Bank One, N.A. as trustee of the Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, 2002-BC1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Forty-Five Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$109,045.57) including interest 11.764% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, October 4, 2006. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 100 feet of the South 800 feet of the Southeast One-Quarter of the Northwest One-Quarter of Section 17, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Township of Frederic, County of Crawford, State of Michigan. Commonly known as 3563 N Manistee River, Frederic MI 49733 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: AUGUST 24, 2006 JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee successor in interest to Bank One, N.A. as trustee of the Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, 2002-BC1 Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No.: 06-53870 ASAP# 787666 08/31/2006, 09/07/2006, 09/14/2006, 09/21/2006, 09/28/2006

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD

Special Meeting

August 16, 2006

Members present: Shawn Krayes, Dennis Long, Monica Ashton, Ruth O'Mara, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: None.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the differences between General Law and Charter Townships.

Information prepared by the Michigan Townships Association concerning conversion to Charter Township status was previously distributed to board members. Basic differences discussed: Charter Twp would require four trustees elected at first general election following conversion to Charter Twp. Status. Charter Twp provides increased boundary protection. May retain Gen Law Taxing authority Ability to enhance services

Supervisor will publish eligibility notification and an unbiased view point of pros & cons of the Charter vs Gen Law Twp. A public hearing will be scheduled for October 11, 2006 regular meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. to receive public input.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m., all ayes.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE SNOWPLOWING BIDS

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP will receive bids for the snowplowing of Lovells Township Hall, Fire Hall and Transfer Station sites #1 and #2 for the 2006-2007 season until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at the Township Hall offices.

Evidence of insurance must accompany all bids.

Snowplowing specifications can be obtained at the Township Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We can also be reached by calling 989-348-9215.

The township board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the bid to other than low bidders, and in general to make the award in any manner deemed by it, its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of Lovells township.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 6:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PB060162 Request variance to construct garage with 10' side line & 30' rear property set back variance.

Petitioner: Behrooz & Bonne Motagh
520 W. Huron
Milford, MI 48381

The above case refers to the following described property:
11291 Burton Way
Roscommon, MI 48653

Legal Description: WILLIAMS WILDERNESS, LOT 34.
Township: South Branch
Property Code: 064-850-000-034-00
Zoning District: RR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PB060161 Requesting a 19' variance to river setback.
Petitioner: Rocco Nunnari
129 Spring Run Dr.
Grayling, MI 49738

The above case refers to the following described property:
129 Spring Run Dr.
Grayling, MI 49738

Legal Description: LOTS 7 & 8, RED DOG.
Township: South Branch
Property Code: 064-680-000-008-00
Zoning District: RDF

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CITY OF GRAYLING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Addendum #2

CITY OF GRAYLING
P.O. Box 549
1020 City Boulevard
Grayling, MI 49738-0549
989-348-2131

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of: Phase II of the Grayling Storm Water Project including storm water structures, piping and Vortechnic Units will be received by Michele Moshier City Clerk at the office of The City of Grayling, 1020 City Boulevard P.O. Box 549 Grayling, MI 49738-0549 until 10:00 am, September 25, 2006 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc.
1280 Business Park Drive
Traverse City, Michigan 49686

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of: Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc., located at 1280 Business Park Drive, Traverse City, Michigan 49686 for the non-refundable fee of \$50.00 per set. \$5.00 additional if mailed.

Date August 2006

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CONSTRUCTION TRADES

Sealed Bids for work of all trades will be received by the County of Crawford and the Animal Shelter of Crawford County at the County Building located at 200 West Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan in care of Paul Compo, Crawford County Controller until 11:00 am, Friday, October 13, 2006 for construction of the following project:

ANIMAL SHELTER OF CRAWFORD COUNTY

The project consists of a new 3,480 square foot facility with detached garage to be located on the I - 75 business loop in Grayling Township. A single lump sum bid is required. Bidders shall furnish a bid bond in the amount of five percent of their bid. The successful bidder is required to furnish a 100% performance and material payment bond. All bids shall be good for 30 days.

Bid documents may be obtained from the office of the Architect, beginning Monday September 18, 2006. A refundable fee of \$25.00 per set will be required with a non-refundable \$10.00 per set mailing change.

Thomas J. O'Brien Architect, Inc.
307 North Fifth St.
Roscommon, Michigan 48653
(989) 275-3075
E-Mail: tjarch@i2k.net

Submit one copy of bid in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the bidder and plainly marked "Animal Shelter Bid".

In accordance with Federal law and US Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, political beliefs, or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

The County of Crawford reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects and accept the bid which in the opinion of the Owner is in the best interest of the County.

LEGAL ACTION

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting

August 10, 2006

Members present: Dennis Long, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: Shawn Kraycs.

Others Present: Marge Mill, Larry Mill, Joanne Drumb, Robert Drumb, Marvin Holdwick, Rosa Holdwick, Jim Hutton, Ethan Hutton, Joe Blinski.

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to accept minutes of July 12, 2006 after correction to wording of Item 15 to the following: Grayling Generating Station tax tributary case agreement: Motion by Long, second by Kraycs to pay forty percent of the agreed overpayment of taxes in 2006 and twenty per cent of the agreed amount in 2007, 2008 and 2009 respectively. Ayes; four; Absent; one, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for July 06 was accepted and placed on file.

Correspondence: (No action required) July Building permit List, July Recycling Report, 9-1-1 Activity Report for July.

Citizens Who Wish to Speak: Question regarding junk & garbage cleanup on private properties? Supervisor explained procedures: On site inspection, letters from zoning admin, citations and court proceedings.

Question regarding what meetings have been scheduled by township regarding "Amusement Park"? Supervisor noted that if a new business comes to Grayling Township it must go through the Grayling Township Planning Commission which would be pre-scheduled public meetings.

Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to adopt a resolution to establish a plant rehabilitation district in accordance with PA 198 of 1974 for the purpose of rehabilitating AJD Forest Products plant facilities at 4440 Four Mile Road.

Whereas, the Grayling Township Board of Trustees encourages the development or redevelopment of industrial facilities for the purpose of maintaining quality jobs in Grayling Township, and Whereas, AJD Forest Products is the largest private employer in Grayling Township, and Whereas, AJD Forest Products wishes to rehabilitate its plant facilities located at 4440 Four Mile Road in Grayling Township with modern facilities and equipment to remain competitive in the forest products market by projections which show increased productivity by up to 15 percent, and Whereas, the investment into new facilities at AJD Forest Products will be approximately 3.5-to-4-million dollars through 5-to-7-year time span, and

Whereas, AJD Forest Products will not be reducing its work force through this rehabilitation, and Whereas, facilities and property owned by AJD Forest Products and identified with tax identification numbers 040-41-032-03-020-00 and 040-41-032-01-020-01 have been determined to be functionally obsolete for the purpose of state-of-the-art forest product manufacturing. Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Grayling Township Board of Trustees, representing the best interests of more than 6,500 residents, does hereby establish a plant rehabilitation district under Public Act 198 (as amended), on the aforementioned properties owned by AJD Forest Products, for the purpose of granting a 50-percent property tax abatement, based on the state equalized value of the property as of December 31, 2006, for a period of 12 consecutive years beginning January 1, 2007.

Vote: Ayes; Ashton, O'Mara, Wright, Kraycs; Long, Absent; Kraycs. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to re-appoint Ronald Joyce for another term on the Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Ayes; four, Nay; none, Absent; one.

7. Proposal by the City of Grayling Police Dept. to participate in a bicycle path on W. North Down River Road. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to advise Chief Schreiner that the township is interested in discussions regarding participation in the project. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

8. Motion by O'Mara, second by Long, to accept the recommendation of the Grayling Township Planning Commission to approve Case 06-042A regarding the KEEPING OF EXOTIC ANIMALS and it be adopted as AMENDMENT 2006-01 to be known as Section 11.02 of Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 2003-02. (as follows)

J. The keeping of outside, exotic animals as pets may be allowed in the R-F district only, by special use permit, if they don't require the space limitations set in Section 11.02 (G). Each case shall be determined individually by the Grayling Township Planning Commission. The burden of proof for exotic animal living requirements shall rest with the animal owner.

NOTE: Exotic animals which are commonly considered dangerous shall not be allowed to be kept in any zoned area, except by permit from the State of Michigan. These include, but are not limited to, all cats other than common house cats, bears, wolves, coyotes, venomous or constricting reptiles, and crocodilians.

The determination of a dangerous or exotic animal shall be made by the (1) zoning administrator, or (2) assistant zoning administrator. The advice of the Crawford County Animal Control Officer

may be sought in making any determination.

1. Animals considered exotic shall include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Llamas, alpacas, and other camelids
 - b. Goats, cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, geese and other common or unusual farm animals
 - c. Ostriches, emus, peacocks, and pheasants
 - d. Burros, donkeys and miniature horses
 - e. Common or unusual zoo or circus animals
 - f. Others as determined by the zoning administrator
- Ayes; four; Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

9. Petition received from more than 51% of property owners abutting Nels Drive or using same for ingress or egress to their property requesting creation of a Special Assessment District for Maintenance and Snowplowing of the private road. A PUBLIC HEARING regarding this matter has been scheduled for September 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS for re-newal of Private Road Maintenance Special Assessment Districts for Ken-Mar and Sandy Trail have been scheduled for September 13, 2006 at 7:10 and 7:20 p.m., respectively.

11. Ed Holcamp, update on formation of Water & Sewer Utilities Authority between Beaver Creek and Grayling Townships. Consensus of board to allow use of excess establishment funds to develop an analysis of sewage and water volumes.

12. Consensus to schedule a Special Meeting for Wednesday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m. for discussion of possibility of becoming a Charter Township.

13. Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to approve waiver of Building permit and inspection fee for handicap ramp at 2485 Danish Landing Road. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

14. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 4557-4558, 4578 through 4624, Bd. And Comm. Fees \$420.00, Liquor Insp. \$120.00 for a grand total of \$108,431.97. Ayes; four; Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

15. Motion to adjourn by Long, 8:50 p.m., carried. Four ayes, one absent.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David P. Comer, Jr and Andrea L. Comer, husband and wife and Cora A. Flowers, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 14, 2002, and recorded on May 16, 2002 in Liber 581 on Page 506, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One And 61/100 Dollars (\$60,271.61), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on September 27, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 3 and 4 of Block 20, Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 2, Crawford County Records, and the South 36 of Lot 5, of Block 20 of the Original Plat to the City of Grayling.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 24, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #089218F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy E Sheldon, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated September 23, 2003 and recorded October 6, 2003 in Liber 655, Page 63, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by WM Specialty Mortgage LLC, Without Recourse by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five and 37/100 Dollars (\$61,765.37) including interest at 11.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on Page 277, and assigned by said Mortgage to National City Mortgage Co, as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Ten And 17/100 Dollars (\$70,210.17), including interest at 5.625% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 21, 2003, and recorded on January 24, 2004 in Liber 617 on Page 277, and assigned by said Mortgage to National

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas R. Wellman and Katherine R. Wellman, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2004, and recorded on July 30, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 690, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORP III as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred One And 73/100 Dollars (\$143,301.73), including interest at 8.529% per annum.

Said premises are located in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest one quarter of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, for a point of beginning; thence South 14 rods; thence East 12 rods; thence North 14 rods, thence West 14 rods to the place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Nancy E. Sheldon by deed dated 05/31/2002 and recorded 06/04/2005 in deed book 583, page 456, in the Office of the Recorder of Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 18, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, Lot 7 and the West 1/2 of Lot 5 and the West 1/2 of Lot 8, Block 2, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 08, Crawford County Records.

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

September 15, 1983

A bonding proposal to build a new \$4.3 million middle school attached to the high school was defeated in the Crawford AuSable School District by a 1233-776 vote.

Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Kent Reynolds figures the area's current poor economy was the biggest reason a new middle school proposal was defeated by 457 votes. "A lot of people have said they would like a new middle school but just can't afford it now," Reynolds said. He also felt some people voted no because they wanted the school in town and some people were still worried about the mixing of high school and middle school students.

Grayling shutout Roscommon 6-0 on the gridiron and the Viking girls topped Johannesburg 50-47 on the hard court in their season openers. Grayling used a four point scoring run by Jon Nicholas and an interception by Barcie Cross to seal their victory on the field while the girls used a 20 point game from Heidi Bendig to start their seasons on the plus side.

The GHS marching band, returned to the field Friday night, despite having only three days to practice, after a two year absence due to budget cuts. The new band director is Steve Britton.

Four Grayling men, Paul Elekonich, Jerry Fagan, Ed Martella, and George Matyn, helped pull two men and a girl out of Lake Michigan five miles of the shore of Charlevoix. The three sailors had been in the water about two hours after their sail boat overturned.

The four Grayling men, all Knights of Columbus members, were aboard a charter fishing boat from Wolverine when they spotted the overturned boat.

Leading the cheers this year for the varsity football team are: Shawn Lovely, Felicia Galvani, Jodie Christman, Vickie Kea, Brenda Rochette, and Dawn Weatherly. They are coached by Joanne Ferguson.

46 Years Ago

September 15, 1960

The total of school students registered in Crawford County schools for this year has reached another new total high of 1,203 of which 775 are registered in the Grayling Public Schools.

The Women's National Bear Hunt will be held Oct. 1 and 2, and the headquarters will be at Dingman's. All women are welcome to join. No husbands allowed to follow the hunt, but are invited to the party Saturday night where a queen will be chosen by a drawing.

On Saturday, September 10, some 40 members of the sophomore and junior classes of

Grayling High School took part in a river clean-up under the auspices of the AuSable Property Owners Association. Grayling High School furnished transportation for the group to and from the river which covered an area from Grayling to McMaster's Bridge.

A two day sports care race will be held on Saturday and Sunday at the Grayling McNamara Air Base.

Richard DuBois and Robert Schulze were re-elected to the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Sam Gust was elected to fill the post formerly held by Don Wood who did not seek re-election.

69 Years Ago

September 16, 1937

Plans are underway for the laying of the cornerstone of Grayling's new \$70,000 Post Office building, the ceremony is to take place on September 28. The outside work of the building is about complete so that now one can tell exactly what the building is to look like.

The new two-family apartment on Michigan Avenue owned by Samuel Rasmussen is completed. Gordon Pond and family have moved into one of the apartments.

Through the generosity of business men and friends, the Drum and Bugle Corps will go to New York to attend the national convention of the American Legion and participate in the gigantic parade.

Henry Bauman is on a pleasure and business trip to the Pacific coast.

Mrs. Edgar Caid of Lovells, is teaching school at Frederic, while Mrs. Margaret Douglas is teaching at Grayling.

Arthur may has purchased the Sherman Neal property on Chestnut Street.

Edward Mayott has been away from the Avalanche office parrot of this week recuperating from tonsil surgery. Henry Libke of Gaylord has been assisting as linotype operator that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Laurant will leave Friday night for Marquette to join Mr. and Mrs. Einer Rasmussen and the party will motor to New York via Canada to attend the national American Legion convention

92 Years Ago

September 17, 1914

Wm. McNeven is working at the M and N.E. Railroad as a car inspector.

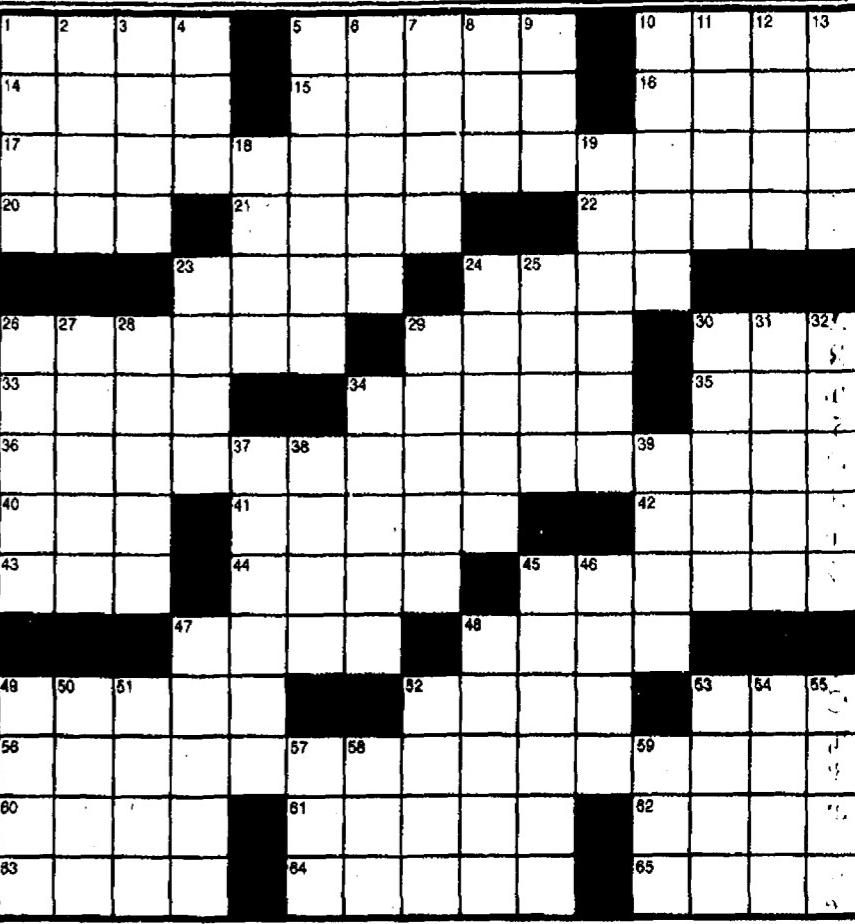
Stanley Insley, Jr., left Tuesday night to attend Notre Dame University. He was accompanied by his parents Dr. and Mrs. S.N. Insley.

Miss Edna McCullough is the new addition at the Grayling Mercantile store taking charge of the millinery department.

Alfred Hanson who is employed at the Olaf Sorenson and Sons, returned last Friday after a four month absence, visiting his parents and old friends in Denmark.

Henry Bauman is on a pleasure and business trip to the Pacific coast.

CROSSWORD



Across

- Offended.
- Present for public presentation.
- Meaningless.
- Square pillar.
- Temporary suspension of breathing during sleep.
- Secluded corner.
- High-speed centrifuge.
- Color material.
- Greek philosopher.
- First asteroid discovered.
- Magistrate (British slang).
- Burn slightly.
- Curved violin head.
- South African of Dutch extraction.
- The woman.
- Requited.
- Tall, coniferous New Zealand tree.
- Fox foot.
- Unwilling to express emotion.
- Wooden peg.
- Form of belief involving sorcery.
- Warning.
- Low island.
- Monetary unit of Cambodia.
- Principal ore of lead.
- Minor prophet of postexilic period.
- Raspberry stem.
- Medical patients.
- Sharp in spirit.
- Tom ___, U.S. western film actor.
- Devotion to church.
- Former Scottish gold coin.
- Less than 90 degrees.
- Stew.
- Whirlpool.
- Apostle and reputed author of two Epistles.
- Poems meant to be sung.

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Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

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COUNTRY HOME for sale or rent. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, double car garage on 2.5 acres in Grayling. Call 989-344-0299. (-14/1)

1. Real Estate

SECLUDED 2 bedroom chalet with spacious loft, 5 acres hardwoods, huge 2 story garage. 7 miles east off M-72. 989-390-4047. (LR9/28/06f/1)

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price negotiable. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

1. Real Estate

HOME FOR SALE Moving north and looking for some peace and quiet? You found it. Over 175 feet of AuSable River frontage, and only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 sq. ft. wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 sq. ft. brick, 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home, located on the East Branch of the famed AuSable River, only 1 mile north of Mercy Hospital. Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, natural gas log fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn, watered from an underground sprinkler system, looks like a well maintained golf course. Make me an offer. Drive by at 4875 Warner Drive for a look then call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (6/22/06tf/1)

2. For Rent

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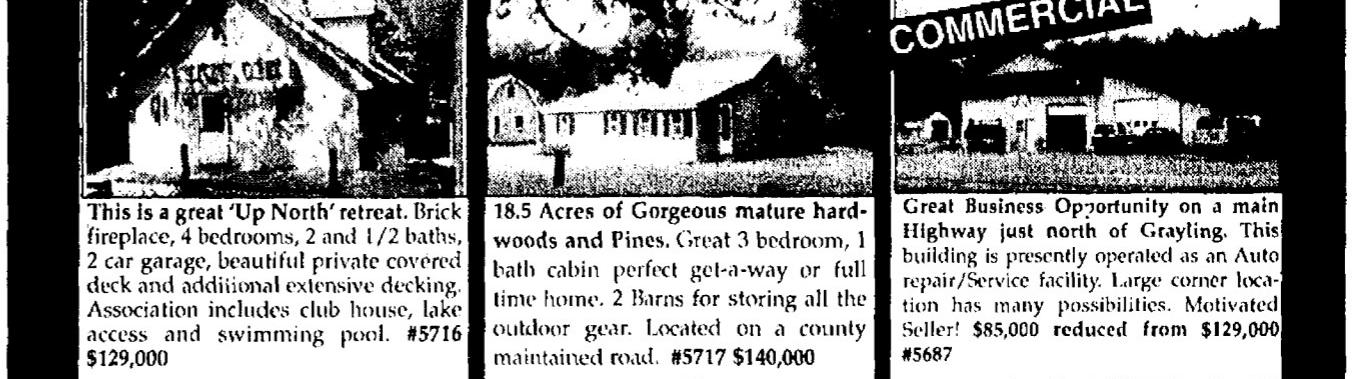


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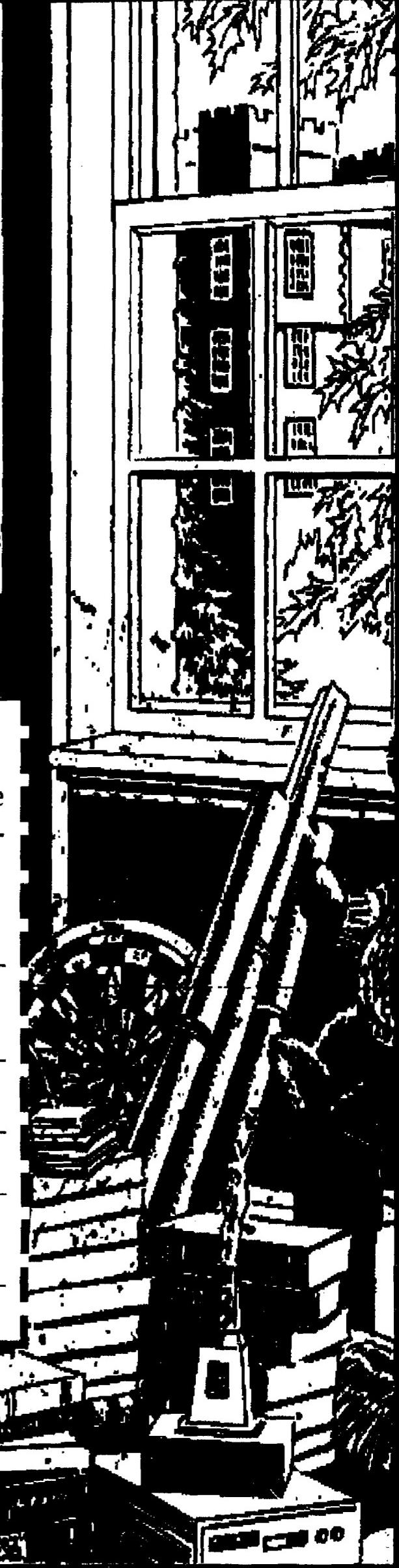
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